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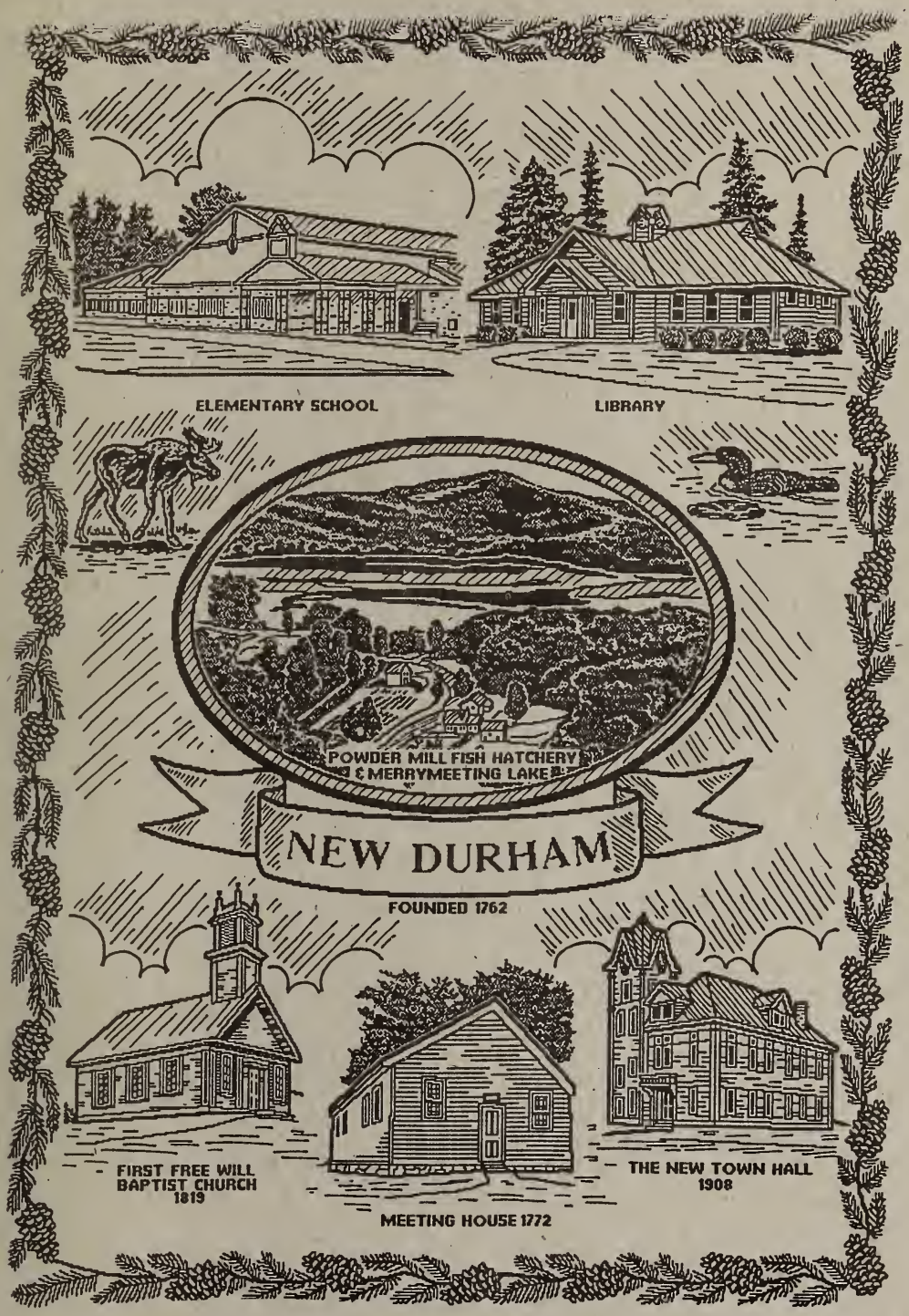

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NEW DURHAM CALENDAR

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Last Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall

LIBRARY TRUSTEES
First Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the New Durham Public Library

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
First Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the New Durham School

PLANNING BOARD
First Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall

RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall

THE NEW DURHAM AFGHAN

(Design appears on front cover of the 1997 Town Report)

The NEW DURHAM LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER presents an historical afghan featuring seven landmarks of New Durham, New Hampshire. The pictures on the afghan represent the earliest and the latest important structures in the town and one of its loveliest assets, Merrymeeting Lake. Woven in 100 percent cotton, in a choice of colors - Williamsburg blue, hunter green or dry rose - a pine cone border and woodland creatures complete the decoration in a theme appropriate to the community's environment.

New Durham was opened to settlement in 1750, when Jonathan Chesley and Ebenezer Smith of Durham petitioned on behalf of a number of inhabitants of Durham for a grant of land. This grant would establish a Township bounding upon Rochester Head Line (now Farmington) and Barnstead. They were granted a charter in 1762 by King George III, of the Island of Great Britain, after early settlers succeeded in meeting the requirements to found a new town in the wilderness of New Hampshire, to be called New Durham.

The New Durham Afghan can be seen and ordered at the New Durham Library Resource Center. Telephone 859-2201.

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NEW DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Population	**2,028**
Registered Voters	**1,226**
1997 Net Property Valuation	**$135,640,860**
1997 Tax Rate	**$29.25**

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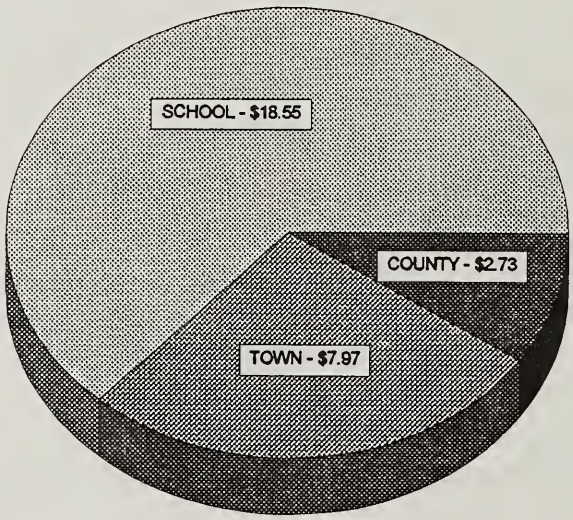
YOUR 1997 TAX DOLLAR



TOTAL TAX RATE

TOWN OFFICERS

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Town Moderator	Timothy Bates	1998
Selectmen	Joanne V. Heger, *Chairman*	1998
	Frederic W. March	1999
	Brenda L. Fontaine	2000
Town Clerk	Carole M. Ingham	1998
Deputy	Elaine R. Stimpson	
Tax Collector	Mary V. Fuller	1998
Deputy	Vacant	
Treasurer	James W. Wheeler	1998
Deputy	Sandra T. Grigg	
Town Administrator	William G. Herman	
Auditors	Cecile M. Chase	1998
	Robert W. Chase, Jr.	1998
Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement	David T. Lindberg	1998
Assistant	Charles W. Wheeler	1998
Animal Control Officer	James W. Grigg *	
	Ronald M. Douglas **	1998
Budget Committee	M. Dean Stimpson	2000
	Kristyn Bernier	1998
	David C. Shagoury	2000
	Clifford Bourgoine *	1998
	Phillip Kenny, *Chairman*	1999
	Douglas Heaton	1999
	Mark D. Jarvis **	1998
	Michael French, CCVD Representative	
	Frederic W. March, Selectmen's Representative	
John C. Shirley Cemetery Trustees	Robert E. Bickford, *Chairman*	1999
	Nelson E. Chamberlin	1998
	Samuel Hardy	2000

**** - Resigned*** ***** - Appointed***

TOWN OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Conservation Commission	William Schmid	2000
	Eileen Thomas	1998
	Charles Berube	1998
	Susan Pillsbury, *Chairman*	1999
	Kathleen DeWolfe	1999
	Paul D. Berry, Alternate	1999
	Susan E. Hoover, Alternate	2000
Emergency Management Director	David M. Wheeler	
Deputy	William G. Herman	
Fire Chief	David M. Wheeler, *Interim Fire Chief; Capitan*	
	Robert Ingham, *Deputy Fire Chief; Fire Chief*	
	Brad Meyerriecks, *Captain; Deputy Fire Chief*	
	Theresa Jarvis, *Lieutenant*	
	John Niscastro, III, *Lieutenant*	
	David Stuart, *Lieutenant*	
Fire Department Membership Committee	Brad Meyerriecks, *Chairman*	
	Robert Bickford, *Former New Durham Fire Chief*	
	Charles Wheeler, *Fire Department Representative*	
	Douglas Scruton, *Police Department Representative*	
	William G. Herman, *Town Administrator*	
Forest Fire Warden	Brinley R. Nelson	1997
Deputy Wardens	James W. Grigg	1997
	Peter Grigg	1997
	Robert Ingham	1997
	Theresa Jarvis	1997
	David Lindberg	1997
	Brad Meyericks	1997
	M. Dean Stimpson	1997
	David Stuart	1997
	James Swett	1997
	Thomas Swett	1997
	Peter Varney	1997
	David M. Wheeler	1997

**** - Resigned*** ***** - Appointed***

TOWN OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Health Officer	James W. Grigg	1999
Library Trustees	Linda Bates, *Treasurer*	1998
	Kendra Sprague	1999
	Monica Haley, *Secretary*	1999
	Patricia L. Meattey	2000
	Holly L. Fogg, *Chairman*	1998
Library Director	Gregory Sauer *	
	Rozalind Benoit **	
Meeting House Park Committee	Eloise Bickford, *Chairman*	Eileen Thomas
	Dennis Gagne	Michael Haley
	Lorna Hardy	Susan Pillsbury
Overseer of Public Welfare	Sandra T. Grigg	
Owl's Head Steering Committee	Richard Oban, *Chairman*	
	James Fenske	Paul Gelinas, Jr.
	Donald Jones	Mauri Kenny
	Mark Fuller, *Road Agent*	
	William G. Herman, *Town Administrator*	
	Frederic W. March, *Selectman*	
	David M. Wheeler, *Police Chief*	
Parks & Recreation Commission	Loran Smith, Jr., *Chairman*	1998
	Mark D. Jarvis *	1999
	Daniel R. Dumais	2000
	Linda Roy	1999
	Edward C. Diprizio	1997
	Ronald C. Booth *	1998
	Dale Sprague	1998
	Joanne V. Heger **	1999
	Christopher Tisher **	2000
Recreation Director	Bruce Neal	

**** - Resigned*** ***** - Appointed***

TOWN OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Planning Board	L. Rodgers Smith, *Chairman*	2000
	David Lindberg	1998
	Jay Edgerly	1998
	Donald Voltz	1999
	Brenda L. Fontaine, *Ex-officio*	1998
	Robert Wengrenk, *Alternate*	1998
	Carlene Cutter, *Alternate*	1999
	Sandi Greenwood, *Alternate*	2000
	Ron Gehl, *Alternate*	2000
	Joanne V. Heger, *Alternate Ex-officio*	1998
Police Chief	David M. Wheeler	
Recycling Committee	Cheryl Cullimore, *Chairman*	
	Piper Allison Bennett	Susan Hoover
	Susan Pillsbury	Elaine Scott
Road Agent	Mark J. Fuller	
Supervisors of the Checklist	Leo B. Murray	1998
	Alma M. Jacklin	2000
	Nancy H. Lessard *	2002
	James W. Wheeler **	1998
Town Historian	Eloise R. Bickford	1998
Trustees of Trust Funds	Kathryn B. Woods	2000
	David L. Munroe, *Chairman*	1998
	Elaine R. Stimpson, *Treasurer*	1999
Zoning Board of Adjustment	James Eaton, *Chairman*	1998
	Nancy Wight *	1999
	John Nicastro, III	2000
	Mauri Kenney	1999
	Barbara Ham	1998
	Peter Chiasson **	1999
	Susan Randall, Alternate	1999
	Lurene Wentworth, Alternate	1998
	Helen Wellman, Alternate	1999
	Paul Gelinas, Jr., Alternate	2000

**** - Resigned*** ***** - Appointed***

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

We are pleased to make this annual report to the citizens of New Durham outlining the activities of our municipal government in 1997.

The pages of this Annual Town Report are filled with the specific reports and information which describe the activity and accomplishments of all our Town departments, boards, commissions and officers during the past year.

As the Town's chief executive and financial officers, we have strived to provide the support and guidance necessary to meet New Durham's present and new challenges. We'd like to note these specific undertakings in 1997:

* ***Reorganization of New Durham Fire Department:*** Following an extremely difficult and draining period for our community as a whole, the New Durham Fire Department was reorganized and reenergized in 1997. Robert Ingham was appointed Fire Chief in October. Chief Ingham has focused his efforts on attracting new members, providing extensive training opportunities for all members and ensuring the equipment & vehicles of the department are maintained to their upmost.

* ***Owl's Head Reconstruction:*** Almost immediately after the March, 1997 Town Meeting, we appointed a committee of interested citizens to continue to review the situations with the Owl's Head section of North Shore Road and how the Town should proceed in this area. The Town conducted soil borings throughout the project area, had geo-technical engineers examine the rocks & ledge and, with revised engineering plans, formally went out to secure construction bids in November. The Owl's Head Steering Committee, chaired by Dick Oban, has put in numerous hours in an effort to examine all alternatives in order to be certain of the proposal. This effort has culminated in reducing the project cost by nearly $400,000.

* ***Landfill Closure:*** We began the two or three year process of addressing the formal closure of the Town's landfill this year and have been encouraged that, as a result of the ongoing, careful management of this site, the Town is likely to be looking at a reasonably modest closure effort. All required engineering and groundwater tests conducted for this site are yielding extremely positive results, which should allow the Town to utilize a soil-capping process instead of an expensive membrane system -- all of which could save the Town approximately $700,000 on this project. The formal closure is expected to be permitted in 1999 or 2000.

To all Town officers, employees and volunteers, we express our sincere appreciation for your dedicated service to the citizens of New Durham throughout the past year. Keep up the good work!

Joanne V. Heger, *Chairman* Frederic W. March, *Selectman*

Brenda L. Fontaine, *Selectman*

NEW DURHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECORD OF TOWN MEETING
MARCH 11, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Moderator Timothy Bates. The Moderator inspected the ballot box by opening said box, displaying an empty box to the voters and then locked the box for voting. The Moderator then asked for a motion to close the polls at 7:00 P.M. The motion was moved by James Wheeler and seconded by Alma Jacklin. There was no discussion. A vote was called and the vote determined all in favor of closing the polls at 7:00 P.M.

The Moderator announced that Article 1 and 2 would be voted on during the polling hours of 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., in the Library Resource Center. The Moderator declared the polls to be open.

Moderator Bates declared the polls closed at 7:00 P.M. There were 1,214 legal registered voters, with an additional 16 voters registering at the polls on election day; casting 484 official ballots and 24 absentee ballots, for a total of 508 ballots. The Meeting was officially recessed until March 12, 1997 at 7:00 P.M. at the New Durham School. The results of the election are as follows:

ARTICLE #1. TOWN ELECTION

Selectman for three years:		
	A. Kristyn Rogers Bernier	7 votes
	Brenda L. Fontaine	**242 votes**
	Paul R. Gelinas	197 votes
	Dean Stimpson	53 votes
Town Clerk for one year:		
	Carlene Cutter	149 votes
	Carole M. Ingham	**351 votes**
Auditors for one year:		
	Cecile M. Chase	**276 votes**
	Robert W. Chase	**271 votes**
	Elizabeth Gelinas	183 votes
	Elizabeth Varney	158 votes
Treasurer for one year:		
	James W. Wheeler	**385 votes**
Trustee of Trust Fund for three years:		
	Kathryn B. Woods	**427 votes**
Library Trustee for three years:		
	Pat Meattey	**437 votes**
Cemetery Trustee for three years:		
	Samuel G. Hardy	**435 votes**

ARTICLE #2. *"To vote upon the following question: "Are you in favor of increasing the board of selectmen to 5 members?"* (This article was voted on by official ballot.)

FAILED **YES - 212** **NO - 289**

RECORD OF TOWN MEETING
MARCH 12, 1997

The meeting at the New Durham School was called to order by the Moderator, Timothy Bates, at 7:25 P.M. Helen Nixon led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The Moderator then requested a moment of silence in the memory of Rae Murray and Robert Nixon. The Moderator then introduced the Board of Selectmen and other Town officials on the stage, and Assistant Moderators David Mohr and Mauri Kenny.

Selectman Joanne Heger presented Dean Stimpson with a plaque of appreciation for his years of service as a Selectman, member of the Fire Department and past Town Moderator.

After reviewing the rules and procedures for the meeting, the Moderator announced the results of the previous day's election and official ballot on Article 2.

ARTICLE #3. *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,300,000 (One million, three hundred thousand dollars) for the purpose of reconstructing the Owl's Head section of South Shore Road, and to authorize the issuance of $1,300,000 (One million, three hundred thousand dollars) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33), and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to fix the date, maturities, denominations, the interest rate or discount rate in the case of notes, the place of payment, the form and other details of said bonds or notes, and of providing for the sale of such bonds or notes, or to take any other action in relation thereto. (By Ballot) BY SELECTMEN (Recommended by the Budget Committee)*

Frederic March made a motion to adopt this article, seconded by James Fenske.

Frederic March made a motion, seconded by Leo Murray, to amend the article to read: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the

sum of $1,300,000 (One million, three hundred thousand dollars) for the purpose of reconstructing the Owl's Head section of *North* Shore Road, and to authorize the issuance of $1,300,000 (One million, three hundred thousand dollars) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33), and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to fix the date, maturities, denominations, the interest rate or discount rate in the case of notes, the place of payment, the form and other details of said bonds or notes, and of providing for the sale of such bonds or notes, or to take any other action in relation thereto." There was no discussion, a voice vote was taken and the Moderator declared the amendment was adopted.

The Moderator stated a paper ballot requiring a two-thirds majority to pass was required. After some discussion, a paper ballot vote was taken; the polls opened at 8:35 P.M. and closed at 9:35 P.M. The Moderator declared the amended article defeated, having failed to obtain the required two-thirds vote.

FAILED YES - 171 NO - 151

Peter Rhoades made a motion to reconsider Article 3, seconded by Nancy Rhoades. A voice vote was taken and the Moderator declared the motion defeated. (This happened at the end of the meeting).

ARTICLE #4. *To see if the Town will vote to establish a procedure for recall elections for elected officials of the Town. Said procedure shall require the signatures of at least 100 registered voters on a legal petition calling for such a recall election. Upon receipt of such a petition, the Town officials responsible for proper elections shall immediately organize an election to take place within 30 days. During the first seven of those 30 days, the Town Clerk shall accept filings by candidates for the office described in the petition. Within 23 days of the closure of the filing period, the Town officials responsible for proper elections shall conduct a balloting, and the winner of this election shall immediately take office, serving until the next regular election for that office. (By Petition)*

Thomas Swett made a motion to adopt the article, seconded by David Berry. A paper ballot vote was taken and the Moderator declared the article defeated.

FAILED YES - 122 NO - 193

ARTICLE #5. *To see if the Town will vote to stipulate that any violation of New Hampshire RSA 91-A, as proven in New Hampshire Superior Court on or after March 11, 1997, shall be considered "just cause" for immediate dismissal without benefits from any elected, appointed or salaried position within the Town government. (By Petition)*

Robert Kroepel made a motion to adopt this article, seconded by Carlene Cutter. After some discussion, a paper ballot vote was taken and the article was defeated.

FAILED YES - 137 NO - 158

Scott Drummey made a motion for a recount of Article 5. The Moderator asked for a show of hands of four other registered voters that wanted a recount. More than five voters raised their hands. A voice vote was taken and the Moderator declared the motion adopted.

The Moderator announced the recount of the paper ballot vote of Article 5 resulted in the article being defeated.

FAILED YES - 138 NO - 177

Dennis Gray made a motion to reconsider Article 5, seconded by Scott Drummey. A voice vote was taken and the Moderator declared the motion to reconsider Article 5 defeated.

ARTICLE #6. *To see if the Town will vote to eliminate the position of Town Administrator, and replace this position with an Administrative Assistant to work part-time during daily business hours, Monday through Friday, up to 24 hours per week at an hourly rate of $11.00 per hour, and to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed $13,728.00 annual salary, no benefits included. Said position of Administrative Assistant to be pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 41:2 and in accordance with job description guidelines as set forth in the Town Official's Handbook by the New Hampshire Municipal Association. Said position to remain in effect until rescinded by a vote at annual Town Meeting. (By Petition) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee)*

Paul Gelinas, Jr., made a motion to adopt the article, seconded by Carlene Cutter. After some discussion, a paper ballot vote was taken and the Moderator declared the article was defeated.

FAILED YES - 95 NO - 216

ARTICLE #7. *To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the appointment of the Road Agent by the Board of Selectmen and return to direct election of the Road Agent by the citizens of New Durham, beginning on Town Office Election Day 1998. The election of the Road Agent shall be for a term of two years. (By Petition).*

Susan Bartlett made a motion to adopt the article, seconded by Carlene Cutter. There was no discussion, a paper ballot vote was taken and the Moderator declared the article was defeated.

FAILED YES - 89 NO - 221

A motion to restrict reconsideration of Articles 4 - 7 was made by Ronald Booth, seconded by Frederick Booth. Bernard Arsenault made a motion to amend the motion to read: "To restrict reconsideration of Articles 4, 6 and 7", seconded by Kathryn Buckley. A voice vote was taken and the motion was defeated.

A voice vote was taken to restrict reconsideration of Articles 4 - 7 and so passed.

ARTICLE #8. *To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the appointment of members of the Budget Committee by the Town Moderator, and hold elections for Budget Committee members, for two year terms in the year that each appointment expires, beginning on Town Office Election Day 1998. (By Petition)*

Carlene Cutter made a motion to adopt the article, seconded by Elmer Berry, Jr. After some discussion, a paper ballot vote was taken and the Moderator declared the article defeated.

FAILED YES - 78 NO - 191

ARTICLE #9. *To see if the Town will vote to rescind the previous vote on Article 15 at the 1996 annual Town Meeting which organized the New Durham Fire Department, in accordance with RSA 154:1 (a), which organization will have the Fire Chief continue to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen with the fire fighters appointed by the Fire Chief. (By Petition)*

Elizabeth Varney made a motion to adopt this article, seconded by Dorothy Williams. The Moderator requested a motion to table as this article is of no meaning in light of Article 10. Frederick Booth made a motion to table the article, seconded by Peter Langevin. A voice vote was taken and the Moderator declared the motion to table the article passed by a two-thirds vote.

TABLED

ARTICLE #10. *To see if the Town will vote to recognize and approve the organization of the New Durham Fire Department, in accordance with RSA 154:1, III, which organization will have the Fire Chief elected by the fire fighters for a four year term, to begin the third Monday of March, 1997, with the fire fighters appointed by the Fire Chief. (By Petition)*

Elizabeth Varney made a motion to adopt the article, seconded by Jean Cutter.

Scott Drummey made a motion to amend the article to read: "To see if the Town will vote to recognize and approve the organization of the New Durham Fire Department, in accordance with RSA 154:1, III, which organization will have the Fire Chief elected by the fire fighters who are on the roster as of January 1st of each election year, for a four year term, to begin the third Monday of March, 1997 with the fire fighters appointed by the Fire Chief." Seconded by Elizabeth Varney. After some discussion, a voice vote was taken and the Moderator declared the amendment was defeated.

After some discussion, a paper ballot vote was taken and the Moderator declared the article was defeated.

FAILED YES - 43 NO - 224

Theresa Jarvis made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Articles 8 & 10, seconded by Selectman Dean Stimpson and so passed.

ARTICLE #11. *To see if the Town will vote to not authorize the Selectmen to borrow such sums as may be necessary to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes, without permission from the registered voters of this town. (By Petition)*

Carlene Cutter made a motion to adopt this article, seconded by Dennis Gray. A paper ballot vote was taken and the Moderator declared the article was defeated.

FAILED YES - 46 NO - 174

ARTICLE #12. *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 for Improvements on Merrymeeting Road under the State Aid Reconstruction Program provided the State of New Hampshire appropriates $20,000 for this purpose. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. BY SELECTMEN*

Selectman Frederic March made a motion to adopt this article, seconded by Selectman Joanne Heger. Dennis Gray made a motion to request paper ballots. The Moderator asked if there were four other voters that wanted a paper ballot. There were not four other voters that wanted a paper ballot. The motion failed.

A voice vote was taken and the Moderator declared the article was adopted.

PASSED $10,000

ARTICLE #13. *To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Used Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1996. Said funds totaling $20,000 as of December 31, 1996, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. BY SELECTMEN*

Selectman Frederic March made a motion to adopt this article, seconded by Selectman Dean Stimpson. A voice vote was taken and the Moderator declared the article was adopted.

PASSED

ARTICLE #14. *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000 to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. BY SELECTMEN*

Selectman Frederic March made a motion to adopt the article, seconded by Selectman Dean Stimpson. A voice vote was taken and the Moderator declared the article was adopted.

PASSED $30,000

ARTICLE #15. *To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of $15,000 to be added to the Highway Department Loader Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. BY SELECTMEN*

Selectman Frederic March made a motion to adopt this article, seconded by Selectman Joanne Heger. A voice vote was taken and the Moderator declared the article was adopted.

PASSED $15,000

ARTICLE #16. *To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of $10,000 to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. BY SELECTMEN*

Selectman Dean Stimpson made a motion to adopt the article, seconded by Selectman Frederic March. A voice vote was taken and the Moderator declared the article was adopted.

PASSED $10,000

ARTICLE #17. *To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of $4,500 to be added to the Assessing Software Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. BY SELECTMEN*

Selectman Joanne Heger made a motion to approve this article, seconded by Selectman Dean Stimpson. A voice vote was taken and the Moderator declared the article was adopted.

PASSED $4,500

ARTICLE #18. *To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of $3,000 to be added to the Wood Chipper Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Of the $3,000, $1,500 will come from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 1996 and the remainder will come from general taxation. The total appropriation is expended to approximate the amounts raised as revenue from the 1996 and 1997 DumpFests. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. BY SELECTMEN*

Selectman Dean Stimpson made a motion to adopt this article, seconded by Elaine Scott. A voice vote was taken and the Moderator declared the article was adopted.

PASSED $3,000

ARTICLE #19. *To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of $1,500 to be added to the Computer Maintenance Trust Fund previously established for the purpose of maintaining the Town Office computer equipment. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. BY SELECTMEN*

Selectman Dean Stimpson made a motion to adopt the article, seconded by Selectman Joanne Heger. A voice vote was taken and the Moderator declared the article was adopted.

PASSED $1,500

ARTICLE #20. *To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of $1,500 to be added to the Conservation Land Fund previously established for the purpose of acquiring conservation property. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. BY SELECTMEN*

Selectman Joanne Heger made a motion to adopt the article, seconded by Susan Pillsbury. A voice vote was taken and the Moderator declared the article was adopted.

PASSED $1,500

ARTICLE #21. *To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of $1,000 to be added to the Uncared for Old Graveyard Trust Fund previously established for maintenance & restoration of Old Graveyards. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. BY SELECTMEN*

Selectman Joanne Heger made a motion to adopt the article, seconded by Eloise Bickford. A voice vote was taken and the Moderator declared the article was adopted.

PASSED $1,000

ARTICLE #22. *To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of $1,000 to be added to the Accrued Benefit Liability Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. BY SELECTMEN*

Selectman Dean Stimpson made a motion to adopt this article, seconded by John Nicastro, III. A voice vote was taken and the Moderator declared the article was adopted.

PASSED $1,000

ARTICLE #23. *To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of $141,974 for the maintenance, construction and reconstruction of town maintained roads. Of the $141,974, $66,974 will be received through State Highway Block Grant Aid from the State of New Hampshire, and the balance of $75,000 would be raised by taxation. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. BY SELECTMEN*

Selectman Frederic March made a motion to adopt the article, seconded by Selectman Joanne Heger.

Selectman Frederic March made a motion, seconded by Selectman Joanne Heger, to amend the article to read: "To see if the Town will vote toraise and appropriate the sum of $148,246 for the maintenance, construction and reconstruction of town maintained roads. Of the $148,248, $73,246 will be received through State Highway Block Grant Aid from the State of New Hampshire, and the balance of $75,000 would be raised by taxation." A voice vote was taken on the amendment and the Moderator declared the amendment adopted.

A voice vote was taken on the amended article and the Moderator declared the amended article was adopted.

PASSED $148,246

ARTICLE #24. *To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific recession of such authority, the public library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose. Prior to the acceptance of any gift valued at more than $5,000, the public library trustees shall hold a public hearing on the proposed acceptance. No acceptance of any personal property under the authority of this article shall be deemed to bind the Town or the library trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property. BY SELECTMEN*

Selectman Joanne Heger made a motion to adopt the article, seconded by Linda Bates. A voice vote was taken and the Moderator declared the article was adopted.

PASSED

ARTICLE #25. *To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property taxes in the Town of New Durham based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, $10,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, $15,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, $20,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $13,400 or, if married, a combined net income of less than $20,400; and own net assets not in excess $35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (By Ballot) BY SELECTMEN*

Selectman Joanne Heger made a motion to adopt the article, seconded by Selectman Dean Stimpson.

Carlene Cutter made a motion, seconded by Dennis Gray, to amend the article to read: "To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property taxes in the Town of New Durham based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, $10,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, $15,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, $20,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $13,400 or, if married, a combined net income of less than $30,400; and own net assets not in excess of $35,000

excluding the value of the person's residence." A voice vote was taken on the amendment and the Moderator declared the amendment adopted.

Edward Neister made a motion, seconded by Anne Kristyn Rogers Bernier, to amend the article to read: "To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property taxes in the Town of New Durham based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, $10,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, $15,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, $20,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $13,400 or, if married, a combined net income of less than $30,400; and own net assets not in excess of $70,000 excluding the value of the person's residence." A voice vote was taken on the amendment and the Moderator declared the amendment defeated.

A paper ballot vote was taken and the Moderator declared the amended article was adopted.

PASSED YES - 200 NO - 17

ARTICLE #26. *To see if the Town will vote to change the method of selection of the Tax Collector from elective to one of being appointed by the Board of Selectmen. In accordance with RSA 669:17-b, if this article is adopted, it will become effective as of the date of the March, 1998 Town Meeting, and the present elected Tax Collector will stay in office until that date. BY SELECTMEN*

Selectman Joanne Heger made a motion to adopt this article, seconded by Mary Fuller. A voice vote was taken and the Moderator declared the article was adopted.

PASSED

ARTICLE #27. *To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of $1,469,675 to defray the general expenses for general government operations. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. BY SELECTMEN*

Selectman Joanne Heger made a motion to adopt the article, seconded by Phillip Kenny.

Carlene Cutter made a motion, seconded by Mike Keeven, to amend the article to read: "To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate the sum

of $1,280,772.50 to defray the general expenses for general government operations." A voice vote was taken and the Moderator declared the amendment defeated.

A voice vote was taken on the original article and the Moderator declared the article was adopted.

PASSED $1,469,675

ARTICLE #28. *To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.*

There were no report of standing committees.

Ronald Booth made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Douglas Heaton and so voted. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole M. Ingham
Town Clerk

A true copy of record, ATTEST:

Carole M. Ingham
Town Clerk
New Durham, N.H. 03855

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR/ CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

ITEM	*PERMITS*	*ESTIMATED VALUE*	*FEES*
Single Family Homes	11	$ 842,858.00	$ 3,393.00
Additions & Alterations	36	430,361.00	2,316.00
Garages	6	53,544.00	335.00
Sheds & Barns	11	47,224.00	342.00
Structures other than Buildings	7	28,840.00	240.00
Mobile Homes	2	64,560.00	251.00
Other	7	132,000.00	547.00
TOTALS	80	$ 1,570,547.00	$ 7,173.00

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of New Durham:

Thank you for helping to make our job as Building Inspectors and Code Enforcements Officers a pleasure in serving you. We have issued more permits than last year and have visited 80 plus job sites. On these visits, many required two or more inspections. Thanks to the contractors and home owners for calling and giving ample time to perform the inspections.

Do not forget that a permit is required for a sign that advertises one's business.

As always, **office hours** are Thursday Evenings from 7 to 9 pm, and Saturdays from 9 am to 12 Noon. The **office telephone** is **859-7171**. You may also call David Lindberg between 8 am. to 9:30 p.m. for information or inspections at **859-4081**, or Charlie Wheeler at **859-6721**. Charlie is on call between April through December if I am not available.

Finally, we also regret to report the passing of **George Smith**, former Town Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer and Health Officer (1986 - 1993). George was also a former Police Officer for the Town of New Durham. From all of us that knew George, with deepest sympathy to his wife Shirley and to the rest of the family.

Respectfully submitted,

David T. Lindberg
Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

JOHN C. SHIRLEY CEMETERY TRUSTEES REPORT

1997 marked major progress in preparing the cemetery expansion for future lots. In late May, personnel from the Highway Department graded, filled and raked the shoulders of the new perimeter road and covered the exposed soil with bark mulch. Additionally, they covered the border area outside the roadway with mulch, preparing it for later plantings. Their work made the new roadway an attractive boundary for the cemetery.

Also during May, Rob Bickford spent a day fertilizing, pruning and weeding the plants and beds at the cemetery, then dressing around each plant with bark mulch donated by Carroll Cutter. We are reminded of Mr. Cutter's generosity each time we visit the site.

Several contacts were made with the State Lilac Commission to obtain plants for the border areas prepared with mulch, but by the time we were ready, none were available for this year. Donations in memory of Bill Nehring remain available to complete the plantings.

By mid-year, work was started to prepare the expansion area for later use. The Trustees and Mr. Frank Parsons worked at the site to clear trees and add fill and topsoil in preparation for grading, tilling and seeding. Grading proved to be a bigger job than expected, but was accomplished with the generous assistance of the Highway Department, using heavy equipment to establish the grade.

By late October, A.J. Cameron completed the raking and seeding in time to beat the cold weather, but late enough to have the seed germinate with the spring thaw. Surveying and marking plots in the new area remains to be done to complete the area for use.

We take great pride in the appearance of our Town Cemetery, and hope each of you agrees. If you have comments, suggestions or questions, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted;

Robert E. Bickford, Chairman
Nelson E. Chamberlin, Trustee
Samuel G. Hardy, Trustee
John C. Shirley Cemetery Trustees

REPORT OF THE NEW DURHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Board of Selectmen and the citizens of New Durham, I respectfully submit my annual report as Chairman of the Conservation Commission.

1997 was a pretty typical year for the Commission. We investigated numerous alleged violations and reported our findings to the N.H. Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Wetlands Bureau. Once again, the most frequent violation is the placement of sand at, or adjacent to, the water's edge, without first having obtained a permit. The second most frequent violation is the installation of a dock without a permit.

Several Commissions have been working with members of the New Durham Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment on revising the New Durham Shoreline Protection Act.

Lastly, we are working on preparing a package of information to provide to new residents in Town to inform them as to who the Conservation Commission is, and what we do. We continue to feel that informing people of conservation issues is of prime importance. We hope to have this information available by early spring.

Our meetings are held at the Town Hall on the last Wednesday of every month. We invite all those who are interested or have any questions to attend.

Respectfully submitted;

Susan Pillsbury, Chairman
New Durham Conservation Commission

REPORT OF THE NEW DURHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

The New Durham Fire Department has seen many changes over the last year. On October 8, 1997, I was appointed as the Fire Chief for the Town of New Durham. I am proud to report that we have a total of 28 members on the department.

"The Mission of the New Durham Fire Department is to preserve and protect the lives and property of our neighbors." This is accomplished through:

- Education of the public to prevent illness, injury, loss of life and fire
- Fire inspection program
- Fire suppression activities
- Delivery of Emergency Medical Services

The is done twenty-four hours a day; seven days a week, by men and women of the New Durham Fire Department who volunteer their time, skill and knowledge.

The department has had a busy year with the volunteers responses as follows:

Fires	45
Medical	85
Automobile Accidents	29
Mutual Aid	33
Brush Fires	5

As a department, accomplishments this year have been:

- Adoption of Departmental Rules & Regulations
- Establishment of a Fire Department Membership Committee
- Refurbishment of Engine 3, 1980 IH Tanker
- Completion of NFPA safety marking of all vehicles
- Completed new "run tables" for Fire, Hazardous Materials & EMS
- Establishment of Training Committee
- Vinyl siding on the building/front doors trimmed/side entry door
- Hand painted sign for the front of the building
- Snowmobile and sled/Dog sled

Purchases for the department through the budget are as follows:

- Three SCBA (Air Packs)
- Two fog nozzles
- Six rechargeable hand lights
- Fifteen sets of fire-fighting gear
- Hazardous Materials absorbent pads & brooms

Training within the department is on-going and a very important factor in keeping our members abreast of changes. Members have completed American Red Cross Recertification, as well as Hazardous Training.

The department, jointly with the New Durham Police Department, provided a demonstration to Camp Carefree, which is held at Lions Camp Pride, for children with diabetes. A video on different types of fires and the proper use of fire extinguishers was shown to the counselors, along with experiments with fire extinguishers.

The New Durham firefighters also gave a demonstration to camp counselors at Birch Hill Camp whereby the video and fire extinguisher use was also provided. In both these demonstrations, the counselors were warned: "You can replace a building, you can't replace the kids", therefore, "the children are the priority!"

The New Durham Fire Department along with the Recreation Department, Fire Company, Firebelles and other community members hosted a Christmas dinner for the Senior Citizens in New Durham with food being donated by area businesses. I wish to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this event a huge success.

As your Fire Chief, I have seen the department make many worthwhile changes over the last year. With the addition of knowledgeable, hard-working and dedicated volunteers, we have accomplished much and I look forward to another rewarding year in 1998.

Respectfully submitted;

Robert Ingham
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to $2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are 10 Forest Rangers who work for the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs, as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office in Concord at 271-2217.

There are 2,400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months was a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, two mobile patrols and three contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1997 Fire Statistics

(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1997)

Causes of Fires Reported	
Smoking	54
Debris Burning	261
Campfire	99
Power Line	33
Railroad	3
Equipment Use	23
Lightning	14
Children	60
OHRV	0
Miscellaneous	130
Incendiary	33
Fireworks	16

Fires Reported by County	
Belknap	58
Carroll	96
Cheshire	63
Coos	29
Grafton	51
Hillsborough	145
Merrimack	148
Rockingham	54
Strafford	63
Sullivan	19

TOTAL FIRES - 726
TOTAL ACRES - 177.17

Respectfully submitted;

Lee A. Gardner
Forest Ranger

Brinley R. Nelson
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

In 1997, the winter brought many storms which began with snow and ended with sleet and/or freezing rain.

The Highway Department worked on gravel roads -- ditching and placing new gravel on them. This year the work will continue and calcium chloride will be added to reduce maintenance and dust.

The Road Surface Management System (RSMS) work for 1997 consisted of the following projects:

Road	Miles	Repair	Approximate Cost
Old Bay Road	0.9	Reclaim & Pave	$ 50,000
Ham Road	0.52	Reclaim & Pave	$ 27,000
Ham Road	1.5	Shim & Overlay	$ 41,500
So. Shore Road	0.5	Thick Shim	$ 13,000
Kings Highway	1.0	Shim & Overlay	$ 37,000
Transfer Station	0.1	Overlay	$ 2,000
		Total Approximate Cost:	$170,500

Appropriations:

Highway Budget	$ 20,000
Warrant Article	$ 75,000
Highway Block Grant	$ 73,246
Total for 1997	$168,246

The Highway Department will be asking for an additional $75,000 at the March, 1998 Town Meeting to continue the RSMS program for reconstruction. In addition to this report, we are providing a list of road construction and repairs and their estimated costs for the FY 1998 (subject to change). We are also providing a list of roads planned for repairs in 1999 and 2000.

I wish to thank the Highway Department employees for their dedication and the Board of Selectmen and Taxpayers of New Durham for their continued support of the Highway Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark J. Fuller
Road Agent

ROAD SURFACE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (RSMS)
1998

Miles	Road	Repair	Estimated Cost
2.0	Old Bay Road	Reclaim/Pave	$ 105,680
1.0	Kings Highway	Shim & Overlay	35,000
1.0	South Shore Road	Thick Shim	21,500
1.0	Valley Road	Shim	8,000
	North Shore (Owl's Head)		
0.5	Birch Hill Road		
5.5	Total		$ 170,180

Highway Department Budget	$ 20,000
State Highway Block Grant	$ 74,500
Warrant Article	$ 75,000
1998 Total	$ 169,750

PROJECTED ROADS TO BE REPAIRED

1999

South Shore Road
Kings Highway
Ridge Road Top
Birch Hill Road
Old Bay Road /
Old Route 11
(Start Overlays)

2000

Ridge Road Top
Birch Hill Road
March Drive
Valley Road (Start Overlay)

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen and the citizens of New Durham, we respectfully submit our annual report

This has been another busy year for town-sponsored recreation activities. Participation in all of our sports programs hit an all-time high, with more than 90% of all students in our elementary school participating in at least one or more sports. The baseball/softball program drew the largest participation with more than 180 children, supported by 35 coaches and assistants, competing against other towns. With three ballfields available, the Elmer C. Smith Recreation Area continues to draw large crowds throughout the season. This past year also saw the expansion of our soccer program, as New Durham became the host site for all games in the Pee Wee (Grades K - 2) and Juniors (Grades 3 & 4) age groups, welcoming teams from neighboring towns. In soccer tournament action, our 5th & 6th grade team took second place in the Suncook Valley League Tournament against some very tough competition, while our 3rd & 4th grade teams placed first and second out of a field of six teams. Basketball participation jumped from 120 players last year to 160 this year. While the January ice storms played havoc with our scheduling, they have had little effect on the spirit or resolve of our young athletes. For those children who prefer individual sports, we have initiated a gymnastics course taught by NESA of Dover and hope to add a karate program in 1998.

The Town Beach continued to attract residents in record numbers for swimming and relaxing. A large number of children took advantage of our Red Cross swim program offered in July. Look for continuing improvements this year to the parking and beach front areas.

Other successful recreation activities include co-ed volleyball, men's basketball and aerobics. The Parks and Recreation Commission also gave support to annual community activities sponsored by the New Durham Athletic Association to raise funds to support recreation programs. Major fund raisers included the Haunted House & Hayride, Christmas Craft Fair, and Spring Fling.

At the end of the year, Rec Director Bruce Neal submitted his resignation for early January, 1998. The Commission will be working to fill the Recreation Director's position as early as possible in 1998.

In the year ahead, the Parks and Recreation Commission hopes to hold several public input meetings to better understand the needs and desires of our community. Of particular interest are potential programs for teens and senior citizens. Look for announcements of dates for these special meetings. Of course, public input is always welcome during our regularly scheduled meetings, held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Elementary School. Special events and updated events may be heard by calling the Rec Hot Line at 859-5666.

Respectfully submitted;

Loran Smith, Chairman
Linda Roy, Dale Sprague, Ed DiPrizio,
Dan Dumais, Joanne Heger & Chris Tisher
New Durham Parks and Recreation Commission

REPORT OF THE OWL'S HEAD STEERING COMMITTEE

The Owl's Head Steering Committee was formed in the Spring of 1997 by the Board of Selectmen to investigate and propose a solution to the dangers of Owl's Head Hill located on North Shore Road. Using the engineering proposal presented at the 1997 Town Meeting and many other ideas surfaced by the community, the Committee developed seven possible solutions. Further investigation of these options revealed three feasible projects: Kings Highway, Chesley Road and a lower cost Owl's Head.

The Kings Highway and Chesley Road options were estimated at $1,000,000 and $1,200,000 respectively, and both had significant negative impacts. The Committee concluded that the redesigned Owl's Head project at the quoted cost of $940,000 was the best solution. Therefore, the Owl's Head Steering Committee unanimously recommends this plan to the Board of Selectmen and the 1998 Town Meeting voters.

Owl's Head Current Condition:

The current condition of Owl's Head is well below all acceptable road standards, creating a section of road extremely dangerous to travel and to maintain. This road was constructed in the mid 1960's without an engineering plan to control the grade, roadbed width, drainage, visibility or falling rocks. Over the past 30 years, the road and surrounding embankments have deteriorated to where boulders slide onto the road. Large rocks, that once provided a barrier to keep vehicles from falling 100-feet down the hill, have sunken into the soft outer edge.

The traffic volume over the hill varies from 700 cars per days during the summer to 150 cars per day during the winter. Seventy houses with 15 year round families are located beyond it. The Highway Department has damaged trucks and equipment trying to perform winter maintenance. But, more importantly, vehicles have lost control and slid down the hill endangering the life of the driver and other traffic. The following is a comparison of the road section to New Hampshire State Standards and the proposed construction plan:

CONDITION	OWL'S HEAD	PROPOSED	STATE STD
Grade	18%	**12%**	10%
Paved Surface	16-ft wide	**22-ft wide**	24-ft wide
Swales	2-ft wide	**4-ft wide**	8-ft wide
Shoulders	1-ft wide	**4-ft wide**	8-ft wide
Road Width	19-ft wide	**30-ft wide**	40-ft wide
Guard Rails	None	**Included**	Required
Rock Retention	None	**Correct grade & pinning**	Correct grade & pinning

Project History:

The Town of New Durham has recognized the dangers of Owl's Head Hill for the past 10 years. A capital reserve fund was started in 1991 to begin saving for the repair project. In 1993, the University of New Hampshire Civil School used the site as a project for their students. They developed some very general ideas, which revealed that the cost for this project would be substantial. In 1996, the town voted to redirect all but $25,000 of the Owl's Head reserve fund to improve Birch Hill Road. The remaining $25,000 was then set aside for Owl's Head to develop a formal design and project estimates. The Hambidge Engineering firm was contracted. Their plan, with an estimated cost of $1,300,000, was presented at the 1997 Town Meeting and failed to achieve a two-third majority, but did receive a simple majority vote. As a result of the failure of the article, the Selectmen requested that a committee of community members be formed to seek a solution to the dangerous hill.

The Owl's Head Steering Committee was formed on May 4, 1997 with five town residents, one Selectman, the Road Agent and the Town Administrator with the following mission: "Create short-term and long-term solutions that address the safety concern of Owl's Head Hill". Meetings were held monthly and seven different plans were identified without any consideration for the cost or disruption to the community including:

a) Close Owl's Head and go around via Chesley Road to the base of Pleasant Cove.
b) Close Owl's Head and go around via Chesley Road to the middle of the north side of Pleasant Cove.
c) Close Owl's Head and go around from the south side base and connect at the north base.
d) Close Owl's Head and go out north through Kings Highway.
e) Close Owl's Head and open up the connection from the South Shore Road.
f) Reduce Owl's Head to one lane with traffic lights and install guard rails & rock netting.
g) Review the proposed Owl's Head design for changes which would reduce the cost.

Alternative Investigation:

Using a pro vs con technique, the seven ideas were rated for cost, feasibility and impact on the residents, wetlands and other issues. Three were selected for detailed investigation, with the intent of selecting the plan with the lowest impact to the Town. They included: a) Chesley Road, d) Kings Highway, and g) Owl's Head Redesign.

Each plan was drawn on a geological map of the area to define each path. Visits were made by the Committee to see the impact and work required for implementation. Costing information was generated based on projects recently

done in the area and adjusted by the Committee members having experience in the road construction business. The following is a summary of the investigation:

a) **Chesley Road** $0.88 per $1,000 tax assessment

1. $1,200,000 total project cost
2. 10,000 feet (1.9 miles) of road -- 6,000 feet to upgrade and 4,000 feet new construction
3. Creates two dead ends
4. Requires wetland approval
5. Closes access to three existing lots
6. Additional road to maintain

d) **Kings Highway** $0.74 per $1,000 tax assessment

1. $1,000,000 total project cost
2. 9,500 feet (1.8 miles) of road to upgrade
3. 70 homes cut off by 25 miles
4. Creates two dead ends
5. Closes access to three existing lots
6. Additional road to maintain

g) **Owl's Head Redesign** $0.65 per $1,000 tax assessment

1. $900,000 total project cost
2. 2,000 feet (0.4 miles) of road upgrade
3. No home cut off from downtown
4. Reduced road maintenance

Proposal Preparation:

Due to the lower community impact of the Owl's Head reconstruction plan (Option "g") and the belief that changing the design could derive a lower cost, the Committee selected this solution as their primary approach. When the engineering firm that prepared the original plan relocated out-of-state, the Committee elected to pursue the advice of a new civil engineering firm to revaluate the design. CMA Engineers, Inc., of Portsmouth was provided with a list of recommended changes to investigate and asked to provide a technical evaluation of the proposed design. The engineer produced a new version, which reduced the estimated construction cost from $1,300,000 to $680,000. The savings came primarily from two changes, eliminating the blasting and removal of 37,000 yards of material. One change reduced the depth of cut at the top of the hill to 15-feet instead of 30-feet, while the second narrowed the road base width by 10 feet. These changes reduced the blasting required and the amount of rock that had to be removed from 52,000 cubic yards to 15,000 cubic yards.

With the approval of the Board of Selectmen, CMA Engineers was contracted to finalize the design and prepare a bid package. To insure that the new design was valid, the town performed test boring and geo-technical surveys on the complete road section. Using this information, CMA prepared the appropriate documents and the town solicited bids. Five bids for construction were received on December 10, 1997. CMA, in conjunction with town officials, reviewed the companies and their bids for experience and previous performance on this type of job to select the contractor.

Project Detail:
The proposed project has a total cost of $900,000 and will be completed in three months. The following details are included in this cost:

- Ledge Blasting and Disposal
- Road Construction and Paving
- Drainage and Guard Rails
- Utilities Relocation
- Temporary Access Road Grading and Maintenance
- Supplemental Survey, Rights of Way and Easements
- Engineering, Contract Administration & on site Geo-Technical Support
- Construction Contingency of 9%

Conclusion:
The Owl's Head Steering Committee has completed their mission proposing that the redesigned Owl's Head plan is the best solution. It is the best plan to dramatically reduce, if not eliminate, the potential for serious injury, possible fatalities and town liability. The investigation into the three options was extensive and complete. A qualified engineering firm performed the research, engineering and site surveys. Project costing was derived from a bonded bid process, minimizing the unknown. The contractor is an established company with excellent references, providing a high level of confidence on the quality and timely completion of the Project. This proposal provides the lowest cost with minimal disruption to the community during the construction and in the future.

Respectfully submitted;
Owl's Head Steering Committee
Dick Oban, Chairman
Jim Fenske; Paul Gelinas, Jr.; Mauri Kenny & Don Jones
Frederic W. March, Selectman
Mark J. Fuller, Road Agent
William G. Herman, Town Administrator

REPORT OF THE NEW DURHAM PLANNING BOARD

Greetings again! After a brief hiatus, I was resurrected as Chairman when Brenda Fontaine was elected to the Board of Selectmen. However, Brenda remains an active member of the Planning Board as the Selectmen's representative.

The Land Use Boards this year (Planning, Zoning Board of Adjustment and Conservation) have spent many hours at workshops doing a rewrite of some of our zoning ordinance -- trying to eliminate confusion, duplication and conflicts. These things seem constantly to be works in progress, mais, ces't la vie. We are also working on, and hope to have ready for your approval, an ordinance regulating cellular telephone towers. They seem to be sprouting from the garden like weeds. To the extent that we have succeeded in these tasks, we would ask that you approve the changes.

I am continually impressed with the volunteer talent on all three boards. New Durham is fortunate in having well-balanced boards representing the town -- from the lake to the ridges, from different backgrounds - different perspectives - some old timers - some newly transplanted, but all working on a common goal, ie: what's in the best interest of the town?

Particular kudos to our "Clerk of the Works", Sandi Greenwood, without whose talent none of this would flow, and Dave Lindberg whose common sense perspective keeps us on track about what goes on in the real world.

We still have many issues to contend with, one of which is creating a Business/Commercial zone. The present board has not only the talent to do this, but also the resolve.

During 1997, the Planning Board approved:

- 2 Excavation permit renewals
- 4 Lot-line adjustments
- 3 Home Occupations
- 1 10-lot subdivision
- 1 2-lot subdivision
- 5 Site Plan Reviews:
  - One Garden Center
  - Two Day Care facilities
  - One Repair Garage
  - One Camp

Respectfully submitted:

L. Rodgers Smith
Chairman

REPORT OF THE NEW DURHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

During 1997, crimes against property and persons were reduced in our community while, at the same time, motor vehicle activity increased. During the year, we instituted a program to intensify exposure on the back roads in an effort to reduce property crimes. The results of this effort showed a significant reduction in the occurrence of residential burglaries. As we enter 1998, our efforts will be increased even more as officers will expand their exposure in this area.

The New Durham Police Department remained active in the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program, as well as providing community firearms and drug awareness programs for adults in our community. Officer David Hall is currently teaching D.A.R.E. in the New Durham School, educating the students about drug awareness, choices and responsibilities, as well as other issues children will face as they proceed through life. Officer Shawn Bernier, a Certified Firearms Instructor, provided firearms instruction for New Durham and neighboring police agencies.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my deepest appreciation to the members and volunteers of our town departments with whom we have worked closely with throughout the year, often times these efforts proved invaluable in times of need. I look forward to a continuation of these relations as we all strive to make our community a better place to live, work and raise a family.

The past year proved to be traumatic for the Granite State law enforcement community as three of our fellow officers were struck down in the line of duty in small, rural communities similar to our own. N.H. State Police Troopers Leslie Lord and Scott Philips were tragically killed in Colebrook, while Officer Jeremy Charron was shot to death making a routine traffic stop in Epsom.

While it remains my policy that our Officers strive for courteous interaction with citizens, it is equally important that they remain aggressive and alert in patrolling your community. We continue to look to the public for your help and support in policing our community.

Respectfully submitted;
David M. Wheeler
Chief of Police

The following is a breakdown of police activity for 1997:

INCIDENTS:

Unsecured premises	1	Alarms	47
Property Found/Abandoned	11	Domestics	28
Disturbance calls	41	Fire Assists	16
General complaints	106	Medical assists	44
Police Service	85	Vehicle off road	10
Suspicious activity	26	E-911 hang-ups	23
Suspicious vehicles	16	Animal complaints	113
Motor vehicle complaints	34	Welfare checks	14
Missing Persons	11	Mutual Aid	45

CRIME AGAINST PROPERTY:

Arson	1	Attempted Burglary	2
Burglary	9	Criminal Mischief	21
Criminal Trespass	4	Civil Complaints	36
Issuing Bad Checks	10	Juvenile Cases	6
Thefts	25	Drugs/manufacturing	1

CRIME AGAINST PERSON:

Criminal Threatening	7	Suicide, attempted	1
Harassment	11	Indecent Exposure	1
Untimely Deaths	2	Sexual Assault	4
Simple Assault	6	Stalking	2
Felony Assault	1	Unlawful Intercept/ Eavesdropping	1

MOTOR VEHICLE:

Accidents:			
Injury	19	Property Damage	27

MOTOR VEHICLE ARRESTS:

Speeding	841	Equipment	378
Other Hazards	71	Revocation/ Suspensions	13
DWI	12		
Habitual Offenders	3		

CRIMINAL ARRESTS:

Burglary	7	Criminal Trespess	1
Assaults	6	Other Property Crimes	18
Criminal Threatening	2	Disorderly Conduct	2
Protective Custody	6		

REPORT OF THE NEW DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Trustees and staff of the New Durham Public Library continue to work hard to provide the best service possible to our community, in spite of the surprises and changes in the last year. Though you may see new faces, each one represents a person committed to the goal. To that end, the collection is continually updated, with current best-sellers always available and suggestions for purchase always welcome. Internet access is now available to any registered patron, free of charge, courtesy of Worldpath Internet Services of Farmington.

Who are the new faces? Well, last August, when Assistant Librarian Roza Benoit was out of work for seven weeks after an automobile accident, two temporary aides, Hazel Potter, a former volunteer, and Christina Meyer, a fresh, new face, stepped in to help out until Roza's return in early October. Christina continues as a volunteer in Library Programs. Teen Grace Berry volunteers as a Library Page. Other volunteers include our very faithful Juliet Burger, and LeeAnn Watson, who volunteers in Children's Programs in addition to being our custodian. Les Turner volunteered his garden expertise and hard labor, and donated a beautiful flower garden for all passer-bys to enjoy.

In late October, Library Director Greg Sauer moved on to another position in Atkinson, NH. We were shocked when he announced his decision, and very sad to see him go, but reluctantly supported a career move that was profitable for him. He is now a full-time Director with a library staff of nine. After advertising and interviewing candidates, Roza was promoted to the Library Director position. Long-time volunteer, Tina Bernier, was hired as the new Assistant Librarian.

The "Festivals of the World" Children's Summer Program was a great success with 26 enrolled, record circulation and new borrower statistics in July and August. Roza missed two sessions, but wheeled in for the last session, which featured Canadian Folk Music by Edmond Demers.

Last summer, we also offered a "Black and White Photo Exhibit" featuring local photographer Scott Bulger and Kim Metzger of Hooksett. In the fall, the Trustees organized three "Civil War Roundtable" sessions. Chess Club continues. Pre-School Story Time continues, with a revamped format and a new offering - "Lap-Sit for Toddlers". A sign language group has just started. A Garden Club will begin soon. This year, expect a wide variety of new programs to be offered for all age groups and interest levels.

Non-Library groups used the Meeting Room 120 times last year. Such usage was rewarded with a well-deserved fresh coat of paint and manual labor supplied by the Trustees. The back exterior wall was painted and efforts will continue to keep the building and grounds in good repair and an asset to the community in the year to come.

Respectfully submitted;
Holly Fogg, Chairman
Linda Bates, Monica Haley, Patricia Meatty, Kendra Sprague, Trustees
Rozalind Benoit, Library Director

REPORT OF THE NEW DURHAM RECYCLING COMMITTEE

To the Board of Selectmen and the citizens of New Durham, I respectfully submit our annual report.

The Committee again continued with their efforts to keep our Recycling Program as successful as it has been in the previous years while keeping up with the changes as they occur. The Town of New Durham has one of the most successful recycling programs in the State of New Hampshire.

The income from the sale of recyclables for 1997 was more than $3,000.00 which, when added to the cost avoidance of trash removal, means good news for the taxpayers of the Town. Several grants were awarded this year; an additional $1,000 for the Town's used oil collection center from the N.H. Department of Enviromental Services (in addition to $1,500 given in 1996) and $850 from New Hampshire the Beautiful, Inc., for the purchase of the roll-off container for glass recycling.

The Swap Shop was closed this year because of the difficulty in finding someone to tend it in a neat and manageable way.

We would like to remind residents that stickers are required on your vehicles and, if you buy a new vehicle, we will replace your sticker if you bring in pieces of the old one.

As new changes occur, we make every effort to keep you informed. These changes are frequent so it is difficult. If you have any questions, please call any member of the committee. We would like any interested citizen to volunteer on the Recycling Committee and bring your ideas with you.

We would like to thank you all for your cooperation and look forward to another successful year in 1998.

Respectfully submitted;

Cheryl E. Cullimore
Chairman

RURAL DISTRICT VNA, Inc., REPORT

Despite the immense changes in reimbursement that have challenged the home care industry in 1997, Rural District Visiting Nurse Association has remained focused on what matters most -- providing compassionate, cost-effective, quality care to our patients in New Durham.

Our Board of Directors continue to assess the health care environment in New Durham to ensure that the decisions we make are in the best interest of your community. We currently have two openings on our Board for New Durham representatives and are actively seeking interested parties to fill these positions. We continue to participate in numerous networks including: the Coalition of Strafford County Agencies, the Strafford Network, the Rural Home Care Network and the Home Care Association of New Hampshire. Through these affiliations, we are able to keep our costs down and stay abreast of the legislative issues that impact our agency and the communities we serve.

Rural District Visiting Nurse Association, Inc., has served as the primary home care provider in New Durham since 1969. In the era of mega-mergers, Rural District Visiting Nurse Association continues to serve your community as a private, independent, non-profit health agency certified by Medicare and licensed by the state in home health, hospice and community clinics. Most importantly, our accreditation with *commendation* by the Joint Commission on Health Care Organizations assures you and your family that Rural District Visiting Nurse Association provides high quality care in a cost effective manner.

Rural District Visiting Nurse Association also remains committed to serving patients regardless of their financial circumstances. In fact, we are the only agency serving New Durham that routinely serves uninsured and underinsured, in addition to insured and private-paying clients. Your town contributions are essential to meeting the many health needs in your community. As competition increases for insured client referrals, please keep in mind you have a right to choose. Choose quality with a long-standing commitment to your community.

We are proud to be meeting your home health care needs since 1969 and are looking forward to working for you in the future.

Type & Number of Visits:		Pay Status:	Percent of Patients	Percent of Visits
Skilled Nursing	693	Medicare	69%	68%
Home Health Aide	915	Medicaid/HCBC	11%	12%
Physical Therapy	260	Commercial	5%	19%
Occupational Therapy	55	No Pay / Private	13%	1%
Medical Social Worker	105	Hospice	2%	>1%
Nursing Office Visits	18			
Total Visits	**2,065**			
Hours of Homemaking	465			
Days in Hospice	5			

Respectfully submitted;
Linda Hotchkiss, RN, MHSA
Executive Director

REPORT FROM THE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY

The Solid Waste Facility this year purchased a John Deere skid steer to replace the 1976 model. This enables us to easily and safely transport recyclables from the storage building to the tractor trailers awaiting transport. We also purchased a sweepster broom which attaches to the front of the skid steer in order to keep the roadway free of debris and dirt.

The volume of our marketable recyclables has again increased this year, which ensures us that mandatory recycling is working for the good of the citizens of New Durham.

Thanks, as usual, to the Highway Department and John Radcliffe for all their help throughout the year.

Good luck to my part-time helper, Ron Arsenault, in his new adventure in the U.S. Navy.

Respectfully submitted;

Joseph E. Bloskey
Solid Waste Facility Manager

STRAFFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE (CAP), INC.

NEW DURHAM SERVICES - 1997

Program	Units of Service
Fuel Assistance	43 households
Home Weatherization	5 homes
Emergency Response System	2 enrolled
Information & Referral	566 units
Furnace Replacement	1 home
Rental Assistance	5 families
Food Pantries	11 families
Elderly Transportation	42 rides
Home Rehabilitation	1 home
Medicare Counseling	16 individuals
Clothes Closet	8 families
Holiday Baskets	6 families

Value of goods and service provided to New Durham $50,108

Town Appropriation in 1997 - $750

New Durham's Representative to the Strafford County CAP
Joanne V. Heger

Respectfully submitted;
Richard Hayes
Executive Director

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
For the Year Ending December 31, 1997

	1997	1996	1995
UNCOLLECTED TAXES BEGINNING OF YEAR:			
Property Taxes		$ 457,476.95	
Yield Taxes			$2,001.24
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR:			
Property Taxes	$ 3,982,278.00		
Land Use Change	10,654.00		
Yield Taxes	13,780.27	141.30	
OVERPAYMENT:			
Property Taxes	34.00		
INTEREST COLLECTED ON DELINQUENT TAX:	3,565.78	40,264.03	
TOTAL DEBITS	$ 4,010,312.05	$497,882.28	$2,001.24
REMITTED TO TREASURER DURING FISCAL YEAR:			
Property Taxes	$ 3,583,080.30	$ 457,476.95	
Land Use Change	8,450.00		
Yield Taxes	13,211.23	141.30	$2,001.24
Interest	3,565.78	40,264.03	
ABATEMENTS MADE:			
Property Taxes	1,139.00		
Current Levy Deeded	1,507.00		
UNCOLLECTED TAXES END OF YEAR:			
Property Taxes	$ 396,585.70		
Land Use Change	2,204.00		
Yield Taxes	$ 569.04		
TOTAL CREDITS	$4,010,312.05	$ 497,882.28	$2,001.24

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
For Year Ending December 31, 1997

TAX LIENS ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES OF:	1996	1995	1994	Prior
Unredeemed Liens - Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year		$133,167.64	$54,086.79	$ 5,621.72*
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	$127,866.84			
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	645.39	11,146.38	18,636.64	
Added Charges			115.56	
TOTAL DEBITS	$128,512.23	$144,314.02	$72,838.99	$ 5,621.72*
REMITTANCE TO TREASURER:				
Redemptions	$ 24,189.12	$ 86,018.34	$52,388.00	
Interest & Costs (After Lien Execution)	645.39	11,146.38	18,636.64	
Liens Deeded to Town	1,767.21	1,472.37	1,433.00	
Unredeemed Liens - Balance End of Year	101,910.51	45,676.93	381.35*	$5,621.72*
TOTAL CREDITS	$ 128,512.23	$144,314.02	$ 72,838.99	$ 5,621.72

* - Unredeemed Liens in Bankruptcy (1990 & 1991)

Respectfully submitted,

Mary V. Fuller, Tax Collector
January 21, 1998

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997
TOWN OF NEW DURHAM GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS

Cash Balance January 1, 1997	$ 795,510.91
Earned Interest	30,783.76
Received during 1996	5,344,163.23
TOTAL	$ 6,170,457.90

PAYMENTS

Accounts Payable per Selectmen's orders	$ 4,894,854.46
Payroll per Selectmen's orders	451,703.55
Checks return to Bank	191.00
TOTAL	$5,346,749.01

Balance on hand December 31, 1997 . . . . . $ 823,708.89

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS -- 1997

Conservation Fund

Balance as of 1/1/97		$19,450.71
Deposits	$1,500.00	
Interest	$1,087.35	
Paid Out	00.00	
Balance as of 12/31/97		$22,038.06

New Durham Ambulance Special Revenue Fund

Balance as of 1/1/97		$ 7,118.18
Deposits	$11,292.81	
Interest	$621.37	
Paid Out	$12,549.84	
Balance as of 12/31/97		$ 6,482.52

Aubert Road Bond

Balance as of 1/1/97		$ 1,138.24
Deposits	$ 0.00	
Interest	$31.74	
Paid Out	00.00	
Balance as of 12/31/97		$ 1,169.74

Brock Road Bond

Balance as of 1/1/97		$ 1,241.13
Deposits	$ 0.00	
Interest	$34.60	
Paid Out	$ 0.00	
Balance as of 12/31/97		$ 1,275.73

Goslin Road Bond

Balance as of 1/1/97		$ 5,020.00
Deposits	$ 0.00	
Interest	$139.96	
Paid Out	0.00	
Balance as of 12/31/97		$ 5,159.96

MacKay Gravel Pit Bond

Balance as of 1/1/97		$ 3,104.66
Deposits	$ 0.00	
Interest	$86.56	
Paid Out	$ 0.00	
Balance as of 12/31/97		$ 3,191.22

Randall-Parquin Bond

Balance as of 1/1/97		$ 1,660.68
Deposits	$ 0.00	
Interest	$46.30	
Paid Out	0.00	
Balance as of 12/31/97		$ 1,706.98

Thibdeau Road Bond

Balance as of 1/1/97		$ 1,345.79
Deposits	$ 0.00	
Interest	$37.52	
Paid Out	0.00	
Balance as of 12/31/97		$ 1,383.31

Toof Road Bond

Balance as of 1/1/97		$ 1,040.42
Deposits	$ 0.00	
Interest	$16.44	
Paid Out	$ 1,056.86	
Balance as of 12/31/97		$ 0.00

TOWN OF NEW DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

1998 TOWN WARRANT & BUDGET

TOWN OF NEW DURHAM
TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of New Durham, in the County of Strafford, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the New Durham Library/ Resource Center on Tuesday, the tenth (10th) day of March, next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following: (Polls will close no earlier than 7:00 P.M.)

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

And you are hereby further notified to meet at the New Durham School on Wednesday, the eleventh (11th) day of March, next at seven (7:00) o'clock in the evening to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $900,000 (Nine hundred thousand dollars) for the purpose of reconstructing the Owl's Head section of North Shore Road, and to authorize the issuance of $900,000 (Nine hundred thousand dollars) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33), and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to fix the date, maturities, denominations, the interest rate or discount rate in the case of notes, the place of payment, the form and other details of said bonds or notes, and of providing for the sale of such bonds or notes, or to take any other action in relation thereto. (By Two-Thirds Ballot) *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* BY SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of RSA 31:95-e providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of

such authority, the Selectmen to accept gifts or personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the town for any public purpose. BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* BY SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000 to be added to the Highway Department Loader Capital Reserve Fund previously established. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* BY SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA Chapter 35 for the purpose of purchasing communications equipment for the Fire Department, to raise and appropriate the sum of $7,300 to be placed into this fund, and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* BY FIRE CHIEF INGHAM.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* BY SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $75,000 to be added to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund previously established. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* BY SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,500 to be added to the Computer Maintenance Trust Fund previously established for the purpose of maintaining the Town Office computer equipment. *The Selectmen and Budget*

Committee recommend this appropriation. BY SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000 to be added to the Uncared For Old Graveyard Trust Fund previously established for maintenance & restoration of Old Graveyards. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* BY SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,600 to be added to the Accrued Benefit Liability Expendable Trust Fund previously established. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* BY SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA Chapter 35 for the purpose of restoration of the Town Hall Steeple and Clock, to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* BY SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA Chapter 35 for the purpose of repairing the roof and installing gutters at the New Durham Public Library, to raise and appropriate the sum of $6,500 to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* BY SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to deposit 100% of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use change tax) into the Conservation Land Fund previously established in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A: 25, II. *The Selectmen and the Budget Committee do not recommend the adoption of this article.* BY CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Taber Gravel Pit Expendable Trust created in 1990; Said fund totaling $3,792.20 as of December 31, 1997, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, is to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. BY SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $149,750 for the maintenance, construction and reconstruction of town-maintained roads. Of the $149,750, $74,750 will be received through State Highway Block Grant Aid from the State of New Hampshire, and the balance of $75,000 would be raised by taxation. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* BY SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 for Improvements on Merrymeeting Road under the State Aid Reconstruction Program provided that State of New Hampshire appropriates $20,000 for this purpose. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* BY SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,486,122 to defray the expenses for general town government operations. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* BY SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 19: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 11th day of February, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen hundred and ninety-eight.

Joanne V. Heger, Chairman
Frederic W. March
Brenda L. Fontaine
NEW DURHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MS-7

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
61 So.Spring St., P.O.Box 1122
Concord, NH 03302-1122
(603) 271-3397

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 24

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF NEW DURHAM N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1993 to December 31, 1998 or

for Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT: Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipailties.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.

2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.

3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address above.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

Budget Committee:(Please sign in ink.) Date February 2, 1998

Phillip J. Henry
Douglas Heaton
Mark Lane
Frederick W March
David Skagon
Eleanor Thompson

(Revised 1997)

Year 1998 Budget - Town of New Durham MS-7

Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr Art#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
4130-4139	Executive	18	$ 128,304	$ 122,843	$ 138,662		$ 138,662	
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics	18	3,128	3,324	6,101		6,101	
4150-4151	Financial Administration							
4152	Revaluation of Property	18	12,800	12,482	12,855		12,855	
4153	Legal Expense	18	20,471	35,002	13,200		13,200	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	18	156,378	159,680	183,800		183,800	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	18	15,600	14,816	15,960		15,960	
4194	General Government Buildings	18	26,336	29,978	26,253		26,253	
4195	Cemeteries	18	6,060	3,340	6,060		6,060	
4196	Insurance	18	75,210	70,667	69,998		69,998	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.							
4199	Other General Government	18	10,090	6,009	9,360		9,360	
	PUBLIC SAFETY							
4210-4214	Police	18	171,221	167,997	171,807		171,807	
4215-4219	Ambulence							
4220-4229	Fire	18	65,194	65,064	70,190		70,190	
4240-4249	Building Inspection	18	7,325	3,630	6,505		6,505	
4290-4298	Emergency Management	18	1,100	847	2,150		2,150	
4299	Other Public Safety (including Communications)	18	4,220	2,928	26,952		26,952	
	AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER							
4301-4309	Airport Operations							

Year 1998 Budget - Town of New Durham MS-7

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					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	HIGHWAYS & STREETS							
4311-4312	Admin., Highways & Streets	18	$ 286,022	$ 292,229	$ 297,093		$ 297,093	
4313	Bridges							
4316	Street Lighting	18	6,300	6,131	6,300		6,300	
4319	Other Equip. Mech.	18	76,810	77,934	91,865		91,865	
	SANITATION							
4321-4323	Admin. & Solid Waste Collection							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	18	116,791	115,394	118,195		118,195	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up	18	1,400	200	400		400	
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other							
	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT							
4331-4332	Admin. & Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation & Other							
	ELECTRIC							
4351-4352	Admin. & Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maint.							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
	HEALTH AND WELFARE							
4411-4414	Admin. & Pest Control	18	6,450	5,611	5,950		5,950	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other	18	3,776	3,776	3,792		3,792	
4441-4442	Admin. & Direct Assistance	18	37,730	44,156	40,230		40,230	

Year 1998 Budget - Town of New Durham MS-7

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					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							
	CULTURE & RECREATION							
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	18	$ 44,120	$ 43,633	$ 44,250		$ 44,250	
4550-4559	Library	18	37,286	37,880	35,501		35,501	
4583	Patriotic Purposes	18	200	234	200		200	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation							
	CONSERVATION							
4611-4612	Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources	18	750	283	1,150		1,150	
4619	Other Conservation							
4631-4632	**REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING**							
4651-4659	**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**							
	DEBT SERVICE							
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	18	38,561	38,561	46,627		46,627	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	18	10,217	10,983	8,377		8,377	
4723	Interest on TANs	18	17,000	15,099	17,000		17,000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service							
	CAPITAL OUTLAY							
4901	Land	16-18	158,246	158,246	160,150		160,150	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	18	70,050	65,408	3,750		3,750	
4903	Buildings	18	13,300	9,935	5,200		5,200	

Year 1998 Budget - Town of New Durham MS-7

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					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings							
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	Sewer-							
	Water-							
	Electric-							
	Airport-							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	4,5,7,8	62,500	62,500	125,000		125,000	
4916	To Expendable Trust Funds (except Health Maintenance Trust Fund)	9,10 11	5,000	5,000	6,100		6,100	
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Agency Funds							
SUBTOTAL 1			$ 1,694,721	$ 1,693,946	$ 1,776,973		$ 1,776,973	

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct.#	Warr. Art.#	Amount	Acct.#	Warr. Art.#	Amount

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..SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES**

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriating to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

Acct#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr Art#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	Owl's Head Proj.	2			$ 900,000		$ 900,000	
	Town Hall Steeple	12			10,000		10,000	
	Library Roof	13			6,500		6,500	
	FD Communications	6			7,300		7,300	
SUBTOTAL 2 Recommended					$ 923,800		$ 923,800	

..INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES**

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

Acct#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,VI)	Warr Art #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
SUBTOTAL 3 Recommended								

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Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE Ensuing Year
	TAXES				
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		$ 4,000	$ 8,450	$ 5,000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes		5,000	15,354	12,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		65,000	43,830	45,000
	Inventory Penalties				
	LICENSES,PERMITS & FEES				
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		3,500	4,037	4,200
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		200,000	215,846	225,000
3230	Building Permits		6,500	7,587	6,500
3290	Other Licenses,Permits & Fees		6,000	10,475	8,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		3,000	3,000	13,000
	FROM STATE				
3351	Shared Revenues		26,496	9,958	10,000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution			21,687	23,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		73,246	76,769	77,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		3,000	737	8,918
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		3,000	1,441	1,000
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
3401-3406	Income from Departments		17,000	16,883	17,000
3409	Other Charges		10,900	10,352	17,745
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		5,000	1,400	1,000
3502	Interest on Investments		15,000	30,784	30,000
3503-3509	Other		22,000	40,436	35,000
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN				
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		12,550	12,550	12,550

Year 1998 Budget - Town of New Durham MS-7

Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		179,150	24,540	
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds	15			3,792
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
3934	Proc.from Long Term Bonds & Notes	2			900.000
	Amounts VOTED From Fund Balance ("Surplus")		1,500	1,500	
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes		175,000	97,665	100.000
	TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS		$ 676,192	$ 655,281	$1.555,705

BUDGET SUMMARY

	SELECTMEN	BUDGET COMMITTEE
SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 4)	$ 1,776,972	$ 1,776.972
SUBTOTAL 2 Special warrant articles Recommended (page 5))	923,800	923,800
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" warrant articles Recommended (page 5)		
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	$ 2,700,772	$ 2,700,772
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	1,555,705	1,555,705
Estimated Amount of Taxes To Be Raised	$ 1,145,067	$ 1,145,067

(REV.1997)

Yield Tax Account

Balance as of 1/1/97		$ 1,165.83
Deposits	$ 0.00	
Interest	$32.50	
Paid Out	0.00	
Balance as of 12/31/97		$ 1,198.33

Respectfully submitted;

James W. Wheeler
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TOWN AUDITORS

This is to certify that we have examined the financial books and records of the Town of New Durham, including those of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer and Trustees of Trust Funds, and find them to be correctly cast and properly vouched for fiscal year 1997.

Respectfully submitted;

Cecile M. Chase
Robert W. Chase, Jr.
Town Auditors
February 9, 1998

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Year Ending December 31, 1997

Source	Town Revenue	State Revenue	Total -- 1997	Total -- 1996
Motor Vehicle Permits	$ 215,846.00	$	**$ 215,846.00**	$ 188,675.00
Municipal Agent Fees	2,540.00		**2,540.00**	
Dog Licenses	2,297.00	1,254.50	**3,551.50**	3,147.00
Boat Registrations	965.12	1,894.00	**2,859.12**	
OHRV Registrations	76.00	2,404.00	**2,480.00**	
UCCs & Federal Tax Liens	1,009.56		**1,019.56**	1,206.50
Marriage Licenses	140.00	760.00	**900.00**	******
Civil Forfeiture	400.00		**400.00**	85.00
Copies of Vital Records	149.00	189.00	**338.00**	759.00
Photocopies	215.50		**215.50**	
Transfer Station Stickers	184.00		**184.00**	
Interest Income	182.26		**182.26**	18.78
Wetlands Permit Applications	68.00		**68.00**	30.00
Pistol Permits	60.00		**60.00**	
Pole & Cable Recording Fees	60.00		**60.00**	10.00
Affidavit Cards	12.00		**12.00**	
Election Filing Fees	11.00		**11.00**	9.00
Articles of Agreement	5.00		**5.00**	
Aqua Therm Permit				0.50
TOTALS	$ 224,220.44	$ 6,501.50	**$ 230,721.94**	$ 193,940.78

***** *Marriage License Fees Included with the fees for copies of Vital Records.*

TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED TO TREASURER: $230,721.94

Respectfully submitted;
Carole M. Ingham, Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Reeling from the aftereffect of the beginning of welfare reform, the Town diligently strove to fulfill its mandated obligation to provide the necessities of life to its citizens. Finding their state and/or federal aid completely or partially withdrawn, many found it necessary to apply to the Town for financial help.

During 1997, the Town provided financial aid to approximately 100 people, ranging from a single-time help to on-going aid when illness or unemployment necessitated help from the Town. Because New Durham has few businesses requiring a work force, reliable transportation is necessary to ensure out-of-town employment; consequently, many recipients who are otherwise able can not work.

Additionally, many Town aid recipients are not fully educated; those who are employed are working in entry-level jobs, receiving minimum wage which is not sufficient to pay for shelter, utilities and food, thereby causing the need for the help from the Town. These low-paying jobs are usually short-lived and part-time or seasonal in nature.

New welfare guidelines were adopted by the Board of Selectmen in September. Notable inclusions are: 1) Minimum standards for rental housing; 2) Payment schedule of rent and mortgages; and 3) Procedure for financial help from the Town for burials. These guidelines are available for public inspection anytime during posted welfare office hours. Beginning in January, each rental property inhabited by a welfare recipient will be subject to a noticed inspection by the Town Building Inspector, Fire Chief and Health Officer to ensure compliance with Town codes.

Seventy-five families received Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets, and over a thousand gifts and toys were financed and distributed by the New Durham Police Relief Association, under the watchful eyes of Joanne Heger and Betsy Booth, with the New Durham Food Pantry, Union Telephone Company, and the Wish-Upon-A-Star project giving much needed support.

This department is here to offer financial assistance should the need occur. Seasonal office hours are posted on the office door at the Town Hall, or you may contact me by using a voice mail system at 859-0204. In the event the Town is unable to assist you during a financial crisis. many times there are other options available or I can direct you to another agency which can help.

1997 Overview as of January 1, 1998:

Town served . . . . . .88 individuals (39 adults & 49 children)
Of 88 individuals . . . . . .77 are current clients
11 have moved out of town
(3 adults and 8 children)
Town spent (+/-) . . . . . $16,561 for utilities
$ 1,213 for medical
$19,167 for shelter
$ 2,809 for miscellaneous

Respectfully submitted;
Sandra T. Grigg
Overseer of Public Welfare

REPORT OF THE NEW DURHAM FOOD PANTRY

To the Citizens of New Durham:

I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the community for their continuing support of the Food Pantry. The Pantry serves numerous households and does so through the support of residents who donate dollars and food. In addition to the regular service the Pantry provides to those who are having a difficult time, holiday baskets were delivered to approximately 40 households at both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Town tax dollars are not used, rather we rely on local donations and the Pantry participates in the federal government surplus food program. We also receive a United Way / FEMA grant to assist with food purchases.

The Food Pantry is a non-profit organization overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors. Members of the Board include Betsy Booth, Sandra Grigg, Joanne Heger, Dorothy Martin and David Wheeler. The Pantry operation is directed and staffed by Mrs. Betsy Booth, who donates countless hours to stocking shelves, handing out food and delivering food to those who are house bound. Special thanks to the many who assist in these projects - the New Durham Police Department, the Police Relief Association, the New Durham Post Office and the Boy Scouts who run the food drives, the New Durham School whose students prepared special treats for the pantry, Town Administrator Bill Herman who writes our grant for us, Welfare Director Sandra Grigg who shares her office space with is, Peter McClellen, Darlene Douglas, Becky Jarvis and Rob Booth who assist with stocking shelves and, most importantly, the countless community members who support this project.

We look forward to your continued support.

Respectfully submitted;

Joanne V. Heger, Secretary

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of New Durham:

I respectfully submit my annual report as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

During the past year, the board heard the following:

Variances:

Radio Tower/height	Shed
Convert to 2-family dwelling	2' over 25' height of dwelling
Porch/deck 10' from road	Residential garage closer than 45' to the road
Dwelling 6' over 25' ordinance	Enlarge bedroom 10' from property line/35' to water
Deck 14' wide & 33' from center of the road	Windows/roof overhang

Special Exceptions:

Garden Center Repair Garage Two Day Care Operations

Two appeals from Administrative Decisions were brought before the Board, one approved and one denied.

One new member, Peter Chaisson, was appointed to the Board this year, along with two alternate members, Paul Gelinas, Jr., and Helen Wellman. The Board is grateful to have these knowledgeable and concerned citizens on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Respectfully submitted;
James M. Eaton

Tax Rate Calculation - 1997

		Property Taxes	Tax Rate
Town Portion			
Appropriations	$1,695,421		
Less: Revenues	(641,335)		
Less: Shared Revenues	(8,229)		
Add: Overlay	20,160		
Add: War Service Credits	15,500		
Net Town Appropriation		$ 1,081,447	
Municipal Tax Rate			$ 7.97
School Portion			
Due to School District	$2,536,219		
Less: Shared Revenues	(20,436)		
Approved School Tax Effort		$2,515,783	
School Tax Rate			$ 18.55
County Portion			
Due to County	$ 372,731		
Less: Shared Revenue	(2,465)		
Approved County Tax Effort		$ 370,266	
County Tax Rate			$ 2.73
Total Property Taxes Assessed		$3,967,496	
Combined Tax Rate			$ 29.25
Copple Crown Portion			
Net Appropriation	$ 30,282		
Approved Village District Tax Effort		$ 30,282	
Village District Tax Rate			$ 10.43
Combined Tax Rate Within Village District			$39.68

INVENTORY OF VALUATION
TAX YEAR 1997

Taxable Land	$ 69,325,160	
Taxable Buildings	62,806,000	
Mobile Homes	2,188,000	
Electric Utilities	1,576,700	
Valuations Before Exemptions		$ 135,895,860
Exemptions Allowed:		
Less Blind Exemption (1)	$ 15,000	
Elderly Exemptions (17)	240,000	
Total Exemptions		$ - 255,000
Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is Computed:		$ 135,640,860

TAX RATE FOR 1997

Town	$ 7.97
County	2.73
Schools	18.55
	$29.25
Copple Crown	$10.43

Equalization Ratio for 1996: 96%

Proof of Rate - 1997

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
$135,640,860	$29.25	$3,967,496

TEN-YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON

Year	School	Municipal	County	Total
1997	18.55	7.97	2.73	29.25
1996	17.83	6.75	2.46	27.04
1995	18.45	5.90	2.65	27.00
1994	15.91	6.00	2.43	24.34
1993	15.02	5.82	2.45	23.29
1992	14.71	5.86	2.38	22.95
1991	12.24	5.88	2.02	20.14
1990	11.03	5.30	1.80	18.13
1989	9.00	4.10	1.70	14.80
1988*	7.36	3.79	1.27	12.42

**** Reflects property revaluation***

NET VALUATIONS 1987 - 1997

Year	Valuations
1987	$ 46,606,430
1988	168,964,136*
1989	177,897,981
1990	181,787,543
1991	174,140,844
1992	151,845,824
1993	150,263,531
1994	149,470,516
1995	132,961,800
1996	134,402,379
1997	135,640,860

**** Reflects property revaluation***

BOND SCHEDULE

Bond Principal and Interest Payment Schedules

Serial Note held by First National Bank of Portsmouth
Issue Date of April 15, 1994

$130,000 Seven Year Serial Note - Town Beach Bond at 5.42% P.A.

Due Date	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	Total Annual	Ba;ance
7/15/98	29,000.00	3,431.38		80,000.00
12/15/98		1,817.56	34,248.94	80,000.00
7/15/99	29,000.00	2,518.44		51,000.00
12/15/99		1,158.69	32,677.13	51,000.00
7/15/2000	29,000.00	1,613.08		22,000.00
12/15/2000		499.83	31,112.91	22,000.00
7/15/2001	22,000.00	692.57	22,692.57	0.00

Totals on both Long-Term Notes reflect Total Amount Borrowed & Interest

MUNICIPAL LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Skidsteer Loader
Agreement held by Peoples Heritage Leasing Corp. of Portland, ME
Issue Date of May 1, 1997
$23,300 Three Year Agreement - Lease Rate 5.75% Fixed

Due Date	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	Total Payment	Purchase Option
5/1/97	$ 8,205.00	$ 0.00	$8,205.00	$15,095.00
5/1/98	7,337.04	867.96	8,205.00	7,757.96
5/1/99	7,757.96	447.04	8,205.00	0.00

MUNICIPAL LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Town Ambulance
Agreement held by Peoples National Bank of Mora, MN
Issue Date of April 15, 1996
$53,000 Five Year Agreement - Lease Rate Factor .019565

Due Date	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	Total Payment	Purchase Option
1/15/98	$828.91	$ 216.91	$1,045.82	$36,347.39
2/15/98	833.99	211.83	1,045.82	35,422.72
3/15/98	839.11	206.71	1,045.82	34,494.98
4/15/98	844.26	201.56	1,045.82	33,564.14
5/15/98	849.44	196.38	1,045.82	32,630.20
6/15/98	854.65	191.17	1,045.82	31,693.15
7/15/98	859.89	185.93	1,045.82	30,752.98
8/15/98	865.17	180.65	1,045.82	29,809.67
9/15/98	870.48	175.34	1,045.82	28,863.21
10/15/98	875.82	170.00	1,045.82	27,913.60
11/15/98	881.19	164.63	1,045.82	26,960.83
12/15/98	886.60	159.22	1,045.82	26,004.88
1/15/99	892.04	153.78	1,045.82	25,045.74
2/15/99	897.51	148.31	1,045.82	24,083.41
3/15/99	903.02	142.80	1,045.82	23,117.86
4/15/99	908.56	137.26	1,045.82	22,149.10
5/15/99	914.14	131.68	1,045.82	21,177.11
6/15/99	919.75	126.07	1,045.82	20,201.88
7/15/99	925.39	120.43	1,045.82	19,223.40
8/15/99	931.07	114.75	1,045.82	18,241.66
9/15/99	936.78	109.04	1,045.82	17,256.65
10/15/99	942.53	103.29	1,045.82	16,268.35
11/15/99	948.31	97.51	1,045.82	15,276.76
12/15/99	954.13	91.69	1,045.82	14,281.86
1/15/2000	959.98	85.84	1,045.82	13,283.65
2/15/2000	965.87	79.95	1,045.82	12,282.10
3/15/2000	971.80	74.02	1,045.82	11,277.22
4/15/2000	977.76	68.06	1,045.82	10,269.00
5/15/2000	983.76	62.06	1,045.82	9,257.41
6/15/2000	989.80	56.02	1,045.82	8,242.44
7/15/2000	995.87	49.95	1,045.82	7,224.10
8/15/2000	1,001.98	43.84	1,045.82	6,202.36
9/15/2000	1,008.13	37.69	1,045.82	5,177.21
10/15/2000	1,014.32	31.50	1,045.82	4,148.65

MUNICIPAL LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Town Ambulance
Agreement held by Peoples National Bank of Mora, MN
Issue Date of April 15, 1996
$53,000 Five Year Agreement - Lease Rate Factor .019565

Due Date	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	Total Payment	Purchase Option
11/15/2000	1,020.54	25.28	1,045.82	3,116.66
12/15/2000	1,026.80	19.02	1,045.82	2,081.23
1/15/2001	1,033.10	12.72	1,045.82	1,042.35
2/15/2001	1,039.44	6.38	1,045.82	0.00

STATEMENT OF LEGAL EXPENSES

1996

Brinley R. Nelson Vs. New Durham	$ 36,955.42
Berry, Swett & Varney Vs. March, Heger & Herman	$ 5,795.12
Concerned Citizens About New Durham (Norma Wheeler) Vs. March, Heger & Herman	$ 1,358.44
Nelson & Healey Vs. New Durham	$ 1,488.93

1997

Brinley R. Nelson Vs. New Durham	$ 21,164.16
Nelson & Healy Vs. New Durham	$ 3,248.20
St. Pierre Vs. New Durham	$ 1,490.53
NH Electric Cooperative Vs. New Durham	$ 117.12

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

MAP / LOT	LOCATION	VALUE
9 - 71	Town Hall & Land	$ 294,700
	Furniture and equipment	100,000
9 - 86	New Durham Public Library & Land	204,800
	Furniture and equipment	201,250
	Police Department equipment	100,000
9 - 71	Fire Station & Land	169,500
	Equipment	350,000
7 - 5	Highway Department Garage & Land	182,800
	Equipment	686,500
8 - 8A	Cemetery	18,600
9 - 61	Ballfield	36,200
17 - 24	Old Dump Lot-Merrymeeting Rd	19,800
10 - 38	Old Dump Lot-Brackett Rd R/S	56,400
17 - 5	Old Dump Lot-Brackett Rd L/S	27,500
	Transfer Station/Landfill Equip.	49,000
29 - 400	Land, Merrymeeting Lake, South Shore (Spring)	11,300
9 - 84	Water Hole, Birch Hill Road	2,600
15A - 90	Dam & Gate House, March Pond	1,400
7 - 20	Land & Bldg., Old Bay Road (Town Pound & Town House)	28,800
	Dam, Downing Pond	125,000
28 - 1	Town Beach, South Shore Road	120,400
28 - 6	Town Beach Parking Area, South Shore Rd.	12,900
39 - 14D	Land, North Shore (Fletcher Lot)	2,600
TOTAL TOWN PROPERTY		$ 2,802,050

CONSERVATION LANDS

8 - 7 & 8	Shirley Forest Lot	246,800
7A - 2	Land, Drew Road	31,000
7A - 20	Land, Drew Road	28,900
TOTAL CONSERVATION LANDS		$ 306,700

LAND & BUILDINGS ACQUIRED THROUGH TAX COLLECTOR'S DEEDS

MAP/LOT	LOCATION	VALUE
2 - 6B	Land, Jenkins Road	$ 17,100
10 - 42	Land, Merrymeeting Road	8,800
15A - 21	Land, Chaulk Pond	8,200
26A - 2	Land, Kings Highway	2,100
27A - 2, Sec. 2	Land, Copple Crown Development	20,900
27A -4A, Sec. 2	Land, Copple Crown Development	1,200
27A - 7, Sec. 1	Land, Copple Crown Development	7,500
27A - 14, Sec. 3	Land, Copple Crown Development	3,600
27A - 17, Sec. 3	Land, Copple Crown Development	3,400
27A - 23, Sec. 2	Land, Copple Crown Development	13,500
27A - 27, Sec. 2	Land, Copple Crown Development	6,300
27A - 82, Sec. 3	Land, Copple Crown Development	5,100
TOTAL LAND & BUILDINGS ACQUIRED		$ 97,700

TOTAL VALUE OF INVENTORY OF TOWN PROPERTY: $ 3,206,450

TOWN OF NEW DURHAM - GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

	Appropriation	Expended	(Over) Under Budget
General Government			
4130 - Executive	$ 128,304	$ 122,843	$ 5,461
4140 - Elections & Registrations	3,128	3,324	(196)
4152 - Revaluation of Property	12,800	12,482	318
4153 - Legal Expenses	20,471	35,002	(14,531)
4155 - Personnel Administration	156,378	159,680	(3,302)
4191 - Planning Board & Zoning	15,600	14,816	784
4194 - General Government Bldgs.	26,336	29,978	(3,642)
4195 - Cemetery	5,560	3,340	2,220
Uncared for Cemetery	500	-0-	500
4196 - Insurance	75,210	70,667	4,543
4199 - Other General Government	10,090	6,009	4,081
Total: General Government	$ 454,377	$ 458,141	$ (3,764)
Public Safety			
4210 - Police	$ 171,221	$ 167,997	$ 3,224
4220 - Fire	65,194	65,064	130
4240 - Building Inspection	7,325	3,630	3,695
4299 - Other Public Safety	4,220	2,928	1,292
4290 - Emergency Management	1,100	847	252
TOTAL: Public Safety	$ 249,060	$ 240,446	$ 8,594
Highways and Streets			
4312 - Highways & Streets	$ 286,022	$ 292,229	$ (6,207)
4316 - Street Lights	6,300	6,181	119
4319 - Equipment Mechanic	76,810	77,934	(1,124)
TOTAL: Highways and Streets	$ 369,132	$ 376,344	$ (7,212)
Sanitation			
4324 - Solid Waste Disposal	$ 116,791	$ 115,394	$ 1,397
4325 - Recycling Committee	1,400	200	1,200
TOTAL: Sanitation	$ 118,191	$ 115,594	$ 2,597
Health			
4411 - Health Officer	$ 3,000	$ 2,604	$ 396
4414 - Pest Control (ACO)	3,450	3,007	443
4415 - Health Agencies/CAP	3,776	3,776	0
TOTAL: Health	$ 10,226	$ 9,387	$ 839
Welfare			
4442 - Direct Assistance	$ 37,730	$ 44,156	$ (6,426)
TOTAL: Welfare	$ 37,730	$ 44,156	$ (6,426)

	Appropriation	Expended	(Over) Under Budget
Culture and Recreation			
4520 - Parks and Recreation	$ 44,120	$ 43,633	$ 487
4550 - Library	37,286	37,880	(594)
4583 - Patriotic Purposes	200	234	(34)
TOTAL: Culture and Recreation	$ 81,606	$ 81,747	$ (141)
Conservation			
4612 - Conservation Commission	$ 750	$ 283	$ 467
TOTAL: Conservation	$ 750	$ 283	$ 467
Debt Service			
4711 - Principle on Bonds	$ 38,561	$ 38,561	$ 0
4721 - Interest on Bonds	10,217	10,983	(767)
4723 - Interest on TAN	17,000	15,099	1,901
TOTAL: Debt Service	$ 64,778	$ 64,643	$ 1,134
Capital Outlay			
4901 - Old Town House Park	0	45	(45)
4901 - Road Reconstruction/Paving	148,246	148,246	0
4901 - Merrymeeting Road SAR	10,000	10,000	0
4902 - Police Cruiser	23,000	23,035	(35)
4902 - Computer System	7,625	6,470	1,156
4902 - Highway Department Repeater	3,500	3,500	0
4902 - Highway Dept. Plow & Wing	12,700	12,699	1
4902 - Highway Dept. Sander	12,000	11,500	500
4902 - Solid Waste Skid Steer	10,000	8,205	1,795
4903 - Town Meeting House	2,000	2,000	0
4903 - Fire Safety - Town Hall	2,800	2,880	(80)
4903 - Town Hall Insulation	6,000	5,094	906
4903 - Fire Station Painting	2,500	2,011	489
TOTAL: Capital Outlay	$ 240,371	$ 235,685	$ 4,687
Operating Transfers Out			
4915 - Highway Truck CRF	$ 30,000	$ 30,000	$ 0
4915 - Highway Loader CRF	15,000	15,000	0
4915 - Fire Truck CRF	10,000	10,000	0
4915 - Assessing Software CRF	4,500	4,500	0
4915 - Wood Chipper CRF	3,000	3,000	0
4916 - Uncared for Graveyards	1,000	1,000	0
4916 - Computer Maintenance	1,500	1,500	0
4916 - Conservation Land Fund	1,500	1,500	0
4916 - Accrued Benefit Liability	1,000	1,000	0
TOTAL: Operating Transfer Out	$ 67,500	$ 67,500	$ 0
TOTAL TOWN GOVERNMENT	$1,694,721	$1,693,946	$ 775

TOWN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES SALARIES

EXECUTIVE:

Joanne V. Heger, Chairman, Board of Selectmen.....$1,500.00
Frederic W. March, Selectman.....1,000.00
Brenda L. Fontaine, Selectman.....1,000.00
William G. Herman, Town Administrator.....34,019.96
Mary V. Fuller, Tax Collector.....23,000.04
Carole M. Ingham, Town Clerk.....14,560.00
Elaine R. Stimpson, Deputy Town Clerk.....2,000.00
James W. Wheeler, Treasurer.....1,000.00
Sandra T. Grigg, Deputy Treasurer.....250.00
Elaine R. Stimpson, Bookkeeper.....14,576.84
Sandra L. Greenwood, Clerk.....5,113.03

PART-TIME ASSESSOR:

Robert A. Estey.....10,000.00

PLANNING BOARD:

Sandra L. Greenwood, Clerk.....8,996.73

WELFARE, ADMINISTRATION OF:

Sandra T. Grigg, Welfare Director.....4,500.00

HEALTH, ADMINISTRATION OF:

James W. Grigg, Health Officer.....1,000.00

BUILDING INSPECTOR:

David T. Lindberg, Building Inspector.....3,127.80

HIGHWAY:

Mark J. Fuller, Road Agent.....36,039.74
Peter O. Langevin, Foreman.....32,042.33
Bruce C. Boles.....20,915.57
Edmund W. Miles *(Retired)*.....12,046.69
Michael R. Clarke.....22,393.67
Don R. Vachon.....23,582.74
Sherwood D. Watson.....20,335.70
John F. Radcliffe.....3,863.24
Joseph E. Bloskey.....598.00
Frank W. Parsons, Jr., Mowing.....1,100.00

TOWN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES SALARIES

SOLID WASTE FACILITY:

Joseph E. Bloskey, Manager.....25,725.67
Ronald Arsenault.....5,524.00
Michael R. Clarke.....338.32
Sherwood D. Watson.....639.02
Don R. Vachon.....313.45

EQUIPMENT MECHANIC:

John F. Radcliffe, Mechanic.....27,546.89
Michael R. Clarke.....1,815.95
Peter O. Langevin.....1,815.95
Don R. Vachon.....356.26
Joseph E. Bloskey.....457.70
Bruce C. Boles.....463.75
Sherwood D. Watson.....72.00
Ronald Arsenault.....160.00
Frank W. Parsons, Jr.....20.00
David L. Hall.....147.04

POLICE:

David M. Wheeler, Chief.....40,079.62
Douglas J. Scruton, Lieutenant.....32,727.95
Shawn C. Bernier, Patrolman.....29,968.94
David L. Hall, Patrolman.....29,087.16
Robert D. Bennett, Part-Time Patrolman.....110.00
Randy Sobel, Part-Time Patrolman.....60..00
Kathryn B. Woods, Secretary.....13,650.03

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:

James W. Grigg.....500.00
Ronald M. Douglas.....1,500.00

RECREATION:

Bruce Neal, Director.....27,389.96
Janet M. Richards, Swimming Aide.....50.00
Jacqueline M. Champoux, Swimming Aide.....50.00
Sarah L. Alden, Swimming Aide.....125.00
Tara F. Roy, Swimming Aide.....125.00
Tiffany L. Roy, Swimming Aide.....125.00

TOWN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES SALARIES

LIBRARY:

Gregory Sauer, Librarian *(Resigned)*.....15,672.00
Rozalind Benoit, Aide & Director.....6,527.00
Tina Bernier, Aide.....682.50
Hazel S. Potter, Temporary Aide.....500.50
Christine Meyer, Temporary Aide.....485.50
Gregory Sauer, Shovel Snow *(Resigned)*.....50.00
LeeAnn Watson, Custodial.....1,016.75

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS:

M. Dean Stimpson, Custodian.....3,720.00
Lawrence Corson, Wind Clock & Haul Rubbish.....820.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Volunteers Stipends.....11,286.00

ELECTION & REGISTRATIONS:

Leo J. Murray, Supervisor of the Checklist.....496.50
Alma M. Jacklin, Supervisor of the Checklist.....472.50
James W. Wheeler, Supervisor of the Checklist.....260.00
Timothy Bates, Moderator.....240.00
Carole M. Ingham, Town Clerk.....490.00
David E. Mohr, Assistant Moderator.....180.00
Elaine R. Stimpson, Ballot Clerk.....140.00
Mauri K. Kenny, Ballot Clerk & Assistant Moderator.....200.00
Priscilla Parsons, Ballot Clerk.....140.00
Theresa Jarvis, Ballot Clerk.....70.00
Barbara M. Dyer, Ballot Clerk.....140.00

CEMETERY:

Frank W. Parsons, Jr., Maintenance.....1,440.00
Mark J. Fuller.....285.89
Michael R. Clarke.....134.37
Peter O. Langevin.....243.00
Bruce C. Boles.....218.68

FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

TAXES:			
Property Taxes	$4,040,557		
Yield Taxes	15,354		
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	43,830		
Land Use Change Taxes	8,450		
TOTAL		$	4,108,191
LICENSES & PERMITS:			
Business Licenses & Permits	$ 393		
Motor Vehicle Permits	215,846		
Building Permits	7,587		
Other Licenses & Permits	10,475		
TOTAL			234,301
FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:			
Shared Revenue	$ 9,958		
Rooms & Meals Tax	21,687		
Highway Block Grant	76,769		
Court Fees	737		
Used Oil Collection Grant	1,500		
Town Hall/Energy Conservation Grant	5,094		
TOTAL			115,745
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:			
COPS MORE Grant			3,000
REVENUES FROM CHARGES FOR SERVICES:			
Income from Departments	$ 14,628		
Recycling	2,255		
TOTAL			16,883
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:			
Sale of Municipal Property	$ 1,400		
Interest on Investments	30,784		
Fines & Forfeits	917		
Insurance Dividends & Reimbursements	41,991		
Other Miscellaneous Sources	12,996		
TOTAL			88,058

OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES:		
Trust and Agency Funds	$ 12,550	
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve	24,540	
Tax Anticipation Notes	450,000	
TOTAL		487,090
TOTAL FROM ALL SOURCES		5,053,268
Fund Balance January 1, 1997		795,511
GRAND TOTAL		$ 5,848,779

FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997
SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:		
Executive	$ 122,843	
Election & Registration	3,324	
Revaluation of Property	12,482	
Legal Expense	35,002	
Personnel Administration	159,680	
Planning & Zoning	14,816	
General Government Buildings	29,978	
Cemeteries	3,340	
Insurance not otherwise Allocated	70,667	
Other General Government	6,009	
TOTAL		$ 458,141
PUBLIC SAFETY:		
Police	$ 167,997	
Highway Safety Patrol	2,928	
Fire	65,064	
Building Inspection	3,630	
Emergency Management	847	
TOTAL		240,466
HIGHWAYS & STREETS:		
Highways & Streets	$ 292,229	
Street Lighting	6,181	
Equipment Mechanic	77,934	
TOTAL		376,344
SANITATION:		

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Solid Waste Disposal	$ 115,394	
Recycling Committee	200	
TOTAL		115,594
HEALTH:		
Administration	$ 2,604	
Pest Control	3,007	
Health Agencies	3,776	
TOTAL		9,387
WELFARE:		
Administration	$ 44,156	
TOTAL		44,156
CULTURE & RECREATION:		
Parks & Recreation	$ 43,633	
Library	37,880	
Patriotic Purposes	234	
TOTAL		81,747
CONSERVATION:		
Conservation Commission	$ 283	
TOTAL		283
DEBT SERVICE:		
Principal-Long Term Bonds & Notes	$ 38,561	
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	10,983	
Interest-Tax Anticipation Notes	15,099	
Tax Anticipation Notes	450,000	
TOTAL		514,643
CAPITAL OUTLAY:		
Old Town House Park	$ 45	
Road Reconstruction/Paving	148,246	
Merrymeeting Road SAR	10,000	
Police Cruiser	23,035	
Computer System	6,470	
Highway Dept. Repeater	3,500	
Highway Dept. Plow & Wing	12,699	
Highway Dept. Sander	11,500	
Solid Waste Skid Steer	8,205	
Town Meeting House	2,000	

Fire Safety - Town Hall	2,880	
Town Hall Insulation	5,094	
Fire Station Painting	2,011	
TOTAL		235,685
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT:		
Taxes Bought by Town	$ 150,911	
Abatements	2,036	
Transfer to Capital Reserve Funds	62,500	
Transfer to Trust Funds	5,000	
TOTAL		220,447
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS:		
Taxes Paid to County	$ 333,647	
Taxes Paid to Precinct	32,809	
To School District	2,246,019	
To Other Governments	1,473	
TOTAL		2,613,948
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		$ 4,910,841
End of Year Fund Balance 12/31/97		823,709
GRAND TOTAL		$ 5,734,550

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS - 1997

FROM LOCAL TAXES:		
Property Tax 1997	$ 3,583,080	
Property Tax 1996	457,477	
Yield Tax 1997	13,211	
Yield Taxes 1996	141	
Yield Taxes 1995	2,001	
Land Use Change Taxes	8,450	
Tax Liens Redeemed	193,024	
Interest 1997 Taxes	3,566	
Interest 1996 Taxes	40,264	
TAXES COLLECTED AND REMITTED:		4,301,214
BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS		
Pistol Permits	240	
Wetlands Permits	68	
Pole & Cable Permits	60	
Junkyard Permits	25	
TOTAL BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS:		393
MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS:		215,846
BUILDING PERMITS:		7,587
OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES:		
Dog Licenses	3,542	
Vital Statistics	1,238	
Subdivision & Site Plan Applications	3,356	
Current Use Applications	80	
Town Officer's Filing Fees	11	
Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) Filing Fees	1,020	
ZBA Applications	1,228	
TOTAL LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES:		10,475
REVENUE FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:		
Shared Revenue Block Grant	9,958	
Rooms & Meals Tax	21,687	
Highway Block Grant	76,769	
Court Fees	737	
Used Oil Collection Grant	1,500	
Town Hall Energy Conservation Grant	5,094	
TOTAL REVENUE FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:		115,745

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS - 1997

REVENUE FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:		
COPS MORE Grant		3,000
INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS:		
Photocopies	953	
Solid Waste Income	1,587	
Opening Graves	1,000	
Municipal Agent Fees	2,540	
OHRV Fees	2,480	
Boat Agent Fees	2,859	
Outside Details / Police	399	
Septage Disposal	2,550	
Police & Fire Reports	260	
TOTAL INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS:		14,628
RECYCLING REVENUE:		
Aluminum Cans	770	
Plastic/Cardboard	1,465	
Glass	20	
TOTAL RECYCLING REVENUE:		2,255
SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY:		
Police Cruiser	700	
Two-Way Radios	700	
TOTAL SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY:		1,400
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS:		30,784
FINES & FORFEITS:		
Bad Check & Ordinance Fines	457	
Civil Forfeitures	460	
TOTAL FINES & FORFEITS:		917
INSURANCE DIVIDENDS & REIMBURSEMENTS:		
Comp Funds of NH Dividend & Return	24,122	
NHMA PLIT Dividend	7,516	
Reimbursement - Health & Dental Insure.	10,352	
TOTAL INSURANCE DIVIDENDS & REIMBURSEMENTS:		41,990

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS - 1997

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES:		
N.H. the Beautiful, Inc., Grant	850	
Cable TV Franchise Fee	3,644	
Election & Registration/G.W.R.S.D.	1,441	
Town House Electric Reimbursement	98	
Fire Department / Memorial Gifts	320	
Welfare Reimbursements	2,696	
Legal Fees Reimbursement	500	
Miscellanous Credits/Refunds	3,417	
TOTAL OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES:		12,966
OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES:		
Trust & Agency Funds	12,550	
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve	24,540	
Tax Anticipation Notes	450,000	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES:		487,090
TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES:		$ 5,053,268

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 1997

4130 - EXECUTIVE

Town Officers' Salaries	$ 44,570
Town Administrator's Salary	34,020
Clerical Wages	19,671
Archives	780
Records Management	582
Telephone	2,281
Office Supplies	2,082
Equipment & Maintenance	4,660
Equipment Purchase	761
Printing	2,971
Advertising	840
Postage	2,720
Mileage	1,231
Dues	1,518
Books & Subscriptions	380
Meetings & Conferences	2,667
Registry of Deeds	634
Tax Map Update	475
TOTAL: Executive	$ 122,843

4140 - ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

Wages	$ 2,569
Update Checklists	150
Advertising	46
Postage	37
Mileage & Travel	31
Printing of Ballots	316
Lunches	92
Miscellaneous	83
TOTAL: Election & Registrations	$ 3,324

4152 - REVALUATION OF PROPERTY

Reappraisal	$ 12,482

4153 - LEGAL EXPENSES

Legal Expenses	$ 35,002

4155 - PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

Personnel Administration	$ 159,680

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 1997

4191 - PLANNING & ZONING

Wages	$	9,015
Telephone		505
Office Supplies		263
Equipment Maintenance		586
Printing		149
Advertising		671
Postage		485
Mileage/Training		121
Dues & Fees		1,420
Books & Subscriptions		135
Register of Deeds		210
Contracted Services		1,256
TOTAL: Planning & Zoning	$	14,816

4194 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Wages	$	4,540
Electricity		14,504
Building Maintenance		1,439
Supplies		814
Heating Oil & Service		6,783
Building Improvements		1,898
TOTAL: General Government Buildings	$	29,978

4195 - CEMETERIES

Labor & Equipment	$	2,915
Electricity		127
Supplies		118
Miscellaneous		180
TOTAL: Cemeteries	$	3,340

4196 - INSURANCE

NHMA Property-Liability Insurance Trust	$	33,246
Compensation Funds of New Hampshire		
Workers' Compensation		33,690
Unemployment Compensation		3,731
TOTAL: Insurance	$	70,667

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 1997

4199 - OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Contracted Services	$	2,340
Repeater Lease		660
Contigency Fund		3,009
TOTAL: Other General Government	$	6,009

4210 - POLICE DEPARTMENT

Salaries	$	145,115
Telephone		4,093
Office Supplies		609
Office Equipment/Maintenance		1,898
Printing		98
Postage		300
Film/Developing		172
Books & Subscriptions		769
Gasoline		3,875
Pager		270
Radio Maintenance		1,814
Uniforms		2,216
Training		1,172
Ammo		830
Dispatch Service		4,766
TOTAL: Police Department	$	167,997

4220 - FIRE DEPARTMENT

Telephone	$	1,125
Office Supplies		3,101
Dues & Fees		206
Vehicle Fuel		956
Radio Equipment Maintenance		3,824
Building Maintenance		2,518
Uniforms		2,844
Equipment		23,357
Medical Supplies		1,821
Volunteer Compensation		13,861
Dispatch Service		8,867
Training		1,851
Dry Hydrant Maintenance		26
Fire Prevention Program		707
TOTAL: Fire Department	$	65,064

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 1997

4240 - BUILDING INSPECTION

Building Inspection	$ 3,630

4290 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Forest Fire Control	$ 471
Dam Inspections & Maintenance	376
TOTAL - Emergency Management	$ 847

4299 - OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDS

Court Witness Fees	$ 778
Court Prosecution	2,000
Outside Police Details	150
TOTAL - Other Public Safety Funds	$ 2,928

4312 - HIGHWAYS & STREETS

Wages	$ 167,732
Telephone	573
Gasoline	1,892
Radio Maintenance	2,082
Building Maintenance	3,533
Supplies	2,477
Kerosene / Propane	32
Equipment	3,710
Safety Equipment & Training	2,652
Diesel Fuel	13,679
Brush Cutter	1,700
Sweeper	900
Equipment Rental	14,059
Sand	13,235
Cold Patch	2,137
Tar	22,936
Salt	29,500
Gravel & Calcium Chloride	8,829
Culverts	571
TOTAL: Highways & Streets	$ 292,229

4316 - STREET LIGHTS

Street Lights	$ 6,181

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 1997

4319 - EQUIPMENT MECHANIC

Wages	$ 31,980
Mileage	22
Contracted Services	6,494
Supplies	6,907
Uniforms	480
Equipment	2,180
Highway Vehicles	24,536
Police Vehicles	1,078
Fire Vehicles	3,310
Landfill Vehicles	948
TOTAL: Equipment Mechanic	$ 77,934

4324 - SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Wages	$ 33,169
Vehicle Fuel	669
Building Maintenance	65
Equipment Rental	4,200
Supplies	1,503
Mileage/Training	420
Waste Removal	25,415
Tipping/Hauling	49,953
TOTAL: Solid Waste Disposal	$115,394

4325- RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Recycling Committee	$ 200

4411 - HEALTH

Administration	$ 1,000
Mileage	375
Telephone	84
Secretarial	49
Immunizations	96
Postage	138
MMLA Water Quality Test	500
Water Tests & Supplies	362
TOTAL: Health	$ 2,604

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 1997

4414 - ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control	$ 3,007

4415 - HEALTH AGENCIES

Rural District Health VNA, Inc.	$ 3,026
Strafford County CAP	750
TOTAL: Health Agencies	$ 3,776

4442- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Administration	$ 5,147
Direct Assistance	39,009
TOTAL: Public Assistance	$ 44,156

4520 - PARKS & RECREATION

Salaries	$ 28,785
Telephone	362
Office Supplies	64
Postage	127
Dues & Fees	1,251
Gas	50
Electricity	535
Contracted Services	1,940
Ballfield Maintenance	6,467
Uniforms	351
First Aid	217
Awards	262
Entertainment	275
Education	244
Sports Equipment	2,184
Town Beach	519
TOTAL: Parks & Recreation	$ 43,633

4550 - LIBRARY

Wages	$ 24,974
Telephone	475
Office Supplies	918
Postage	300
Conferences & Mileage	298
Dues & Fees	156
Books & Subscriptions	7,990
Building Maintenance	1,355

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 1997

LIBRARY *(Continued)*	
Maintenance Supplies	$ 213
Courses & Books	500
Snow Shoveling	130
Children's Programs	571
TOTAL: Library	$ 37,880
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:	245
CONSERVATION COMMISSION:	283
PRINCIPAL- LONG TERM NOTES:	38,561
INTEREST - LONG TERM NOTES:	10,983
INTEREST - TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES:	15,099
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES:	450,000
OLD TOWN HOUSE PARK:	45
ROAD RECONSTRUCTION/PAVING:	148,246
MERRYMEETING ROAD SAR:	10,000
POLICE CRUISER:	23,035
COMPUTER SYSTEMS:	6,469
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPEATER:	3,500
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PLOW & WING:	12,699
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SANDER:	11,500
SOLID WASTE SKID STEER:	8,205
FIRE SAFETY - TOWN HALL:	2,880
TOWN HALL INSULATION:	5,094
FIRE STATION PAINTING:	2,011

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 1997

HIGHWAY TRUCK CAPITAL RESERVE FUND:	$ 30,000
HIGHWAY DEPT. LOADER CAPITAL RESERVE FUND:	15,000
WOOD CHIPPER CAPITAL RESERVE FUND:	3,000
ASSESSING SOFTWARE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND:	4,500
FIRE TRUCK CAPITAL RESERVE FUND:	10,000
UNCARED FOR GRAVEYARDS TRUST FUND:	1,000
ACCRUED BENEFIT LIABILTY TRUST FUND:	1,000
COMPUTER MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND:	1,500
CONSERVATION LAND FUND:	1,500
TAXES PAID TO COUNTY:	372,731
TAXES PAID TO PRECINCT:	30,282
PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT:	2,481,638
DOG & MARRIAGE LICENSES:	1,473
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL EXPENDITURES:	$ 5,091,518

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
For the Year Ending December 31, 1996

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose / How Invested	PRINCIPAL Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Withdrawals
	Old Cemetery Perpetual Care	Cemetery Fund	$ 3,775.00	$	$
	Shirley Perpetual Care	Cemetery Fund	5,950.00		
	J. Shirley General Fund Trust	Cemetery Fund	23,907.49	3,025.00	
7/9/57	John C. Shirley Charity	Charity Mainstay Mutual	15,380.21		
6/4/61	John C. Shirley Timber	Various FNB	18,326.91		
6/4/82	Vietnam Memorial	Maintenance FNB	244.99		
10/26/84	Capital Reserve	Fire Truck MBIA			
9/2/85	ND Fire Company	Scholarship FNB	6,675.96	1,451.00	
7/18/86	E.C. Smith Scholarship Fund	Scholarship Mainstay Mutual	120,525.00		
10/3/86	Smitty Garden Trust	Recreation Maintay Mutual	28,000.00		
4/15/88	Capital Reserve	Highway Truck MBIA	88,765.62	20,000.00	99,969.06
6/9/88	Uncared for Graveyard Trust	Maintenance MBIA/FNB	6,600.00	1,000.00	
9/7/89	Capital Reserve	Landfill Closure MBIA	115,000.00		
6/21/90	Expendable Trust	Taber Gravel Pit FNB	4,000.00		
12/31/92	Expendable Trust	Accrued Benefit Fund MBIA	3,250.00	1,000.00	
4/11/94	Capital Reserve	John Shirley Site Improvement / FNB	2,988.56		265.30
12/10/94	Capital Reserve	Highway Loader MBIA	30,000.00	15,000.00	
6/7/95	Capital Reserve	Highway Chipper MBIA	1,500.00		
5/30/96	Expendable Trust	Computer Maintenance Fund MBIA		1,500.00	
1996	Capital Reserve	Assessing Software		4,000.00	
1996	Capital Reserve	Used Highway Truck FNB		20,000.00	
12/31/90	Capital Reserve	Birch Hill Road Improvement / FNB	34,804.49		
12/31/92	Capital Reserve	Owl's Head Reconstruct / FNB	60,000.00		
					60,000.00

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
For the Year Ending December 31, 1996

Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning Year	*INTEREST* Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year	Total Principal & Interest
$ 3,775.00	$5,283.66	$429.02	$230.00	$5,482.68	$9,257.68
5,950.00	8,436.46	727.18	449.94	8,713.70	14,663.70
26,932.49	920.35	1,089.05		2,009.40	28,941.89
15,380.21	8,992.18	1,203.53	2,946.34	7,249.37	22,629.58
18,326.91	13,626.27	1,549.27	10,000.00	5,175.54	23,502.45
244.99	244.18	13.64		257.82	502.81
	2,556.49	71.28		2,627.77	2,627.77
8,126.96	327.27	354.18		681.45	8,808.41
120,525.00	15,564.35	860.40	4,000.00	12,424.75	132,949.75
28,000.00	8,386.16	1,839.36	5,485.00	4,740.52	32,740.52
8,522.27	17,500.00	6,256.65	24,030.94	0	8,522.27
7,600.00	660.69	642.78		1,303.47	8,903.47
115,000.00	32,871.01	7,262.86		40,133.87	155,133.87
4,000.00	1,170.65	144.16		1,314.81	5,314.81
4,250.00	142.31	164.24		306.55	4,556.55
2,723.26		84.70	84.70	0	2,723.26
45,000.00	1,801.01	1,746.44		3,547.45	48,547.45
1,500.00	20.20	152.53		172.73	1,672.73
1,500.00		40.88		40.88	1,540.88
4,000.00		109.02		109.02	4,109.02
20,000.00		545.10		545.10	20,545.10
0	4,467.78	2,071.14	41,343.41		0
0	6,878.19	4,158.96	10,719.94		0

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
For the Year Ending December 31, 1997

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose / How Invested	PRINCIPAL Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Withdrawals
	Old Cemetery Perpetual Care	Cemetery Fund	$ 3,775.00	$	$
	Shirley Perpetual Care	Cemetery Fund	5,950.00		
	J. Shirley General Fund Trust	Cemetery Fund	28,941.89	1,100.00	
7/9/57	John C. Shirley Charity	Charity Mainstay Mutual	15,380.21		
6/4/61	John C. Shirley Timber	Various FNB	18,326.91		
6/4/82	Vietnam Memorial	Maintenance FNB	244.99		
10/26/84	Capital Reserve	Fire Truck MBIA		10,000.00	
9/2/85	ND Fire Company	Scholarship FNB	8,126.96	155.00	
7/18/86	E.C. Smith Scholarship Fund	Scholarship Mainstay Mutual	120,525.00		
10/3/86	Smitty Garden Trust	Recreation Maintay Mutual	28,000.00		
4/15/88	Capital Reserve	Highway Truck MBIA	8,522.27	30,000.00	
6/9/88	Uncared for Graveyard Trust	Maintenance MBIA/FNB	7,600.00	1,000.00	
9/7/89	Capital Reserve	Landfill Closure MBIA	115,000.00		
6/21/90	Expendable Trust	Taber Gravel Pit FNB	4,000.00		
12/31/92	Expendable Trust	Accrued Benefit Fund MBIA	4,250.00	1,000.00	
4/11/94	Capital Reserve	John Shirley Site Improvement / FNB	2,723.23		
12/10/94	Capital Reserve	Highway Loader MBIA	45,000.00	15,000.00	
6/7/95	Capital Reserve	Highway Chipper MBIA	1,500.00	3,000.00	
5/30/96	Expendable Trust	Computer Maintenance Fund MBIA	1,500.00	1,500.00	
1996	Capital Reserve	Assessing Software	4,000.00	4,500.00	
1996	Capital Reserve	Used Highway Truck FNB	20,000.00		

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
For the Year Ending December 31, 1997

Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning Year	*INTEREST* Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year	Total Principal & Interest
$ 3,775.00	$5,482.68	$430.76	$215.00	$5,698.44	$9,473.44
5,950.00	8,713.70	760.01		9,473.71	15,423.71
30,041.89	2,009.40	1,201.18		3,210.58	33,252.47
15,380.21	7,249.37	1,201.85	2,459.63	5,991.59	21,371.80
18,326.91	5,175.54	1,273.64		6,449.18	24,776.09
244.99	257.82	12.84		270.66	515.65
10,000.00	2,627.77	279.65		2,907.42	12,907.42
8,281.96	681.45	400.29	600.00	481.74	8,763.70
120,525.00	12,424.75	10,799.97	6,400.00		137,349.72
28,000.00	4,740.52	1,797.10		6,537.62	34,537.62
38,522.27	0	1,074.07		1,074.07	39,596.34
8,600.00	1,303.47	486.36	105.00	1,684.83	10,284.83
115,000.00	40,133.87	8,125.27	24,255.00	24,004.14	139,004.14
4,000.00	1,314.81	139.89	1,662.50	1,802.39	3,792.20
5,250.00	306.55	212.10	3,596.00	518.65	2,232.65
2,723.23	0	75.48		75.48	2,798.71
60,000.00	3,547.45	2,878.72		6,426.17	66,426.17
4,500.00	172.73	181.17		353.90	4,853.90
3,000.00	40.88	97.07		137.95	3,137.95
8,500.00	109.02	219.90	8,681.00	328.92	147.92
20,000.00	545.10	399.95		945.05	20,945.05

This is to certify that the information contained in the Fiscal Year 1996 and 1997 reports printed in the preceeding pages is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

David L. Munroe, Kathryn B. Woods and Elaine R. Stimpson, Trustees of Trust Funds

February 9, 1998

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Recorded in the Town of New Durham for the Year Ending December 31, 1997

Date	Child's Name	Father's Name Mother's Maiden Name	Place of Birth
Dec. 26, 1996	Gabrielle Nicole Gantt	Gary William Gantt Doreen Mary Hastings	Portsmouth
February 15	Justin Mackenzie Keenan	John Joseph Keenan, III Heidi Jean Ryder	Portsmouth
March 18	Nicholas Matthew McMullen	Stephen P. McMullen Katherine R. Currier	Dover
March 25	Matthew Scott Aversa	Michael Scott Aversa Charna Lee Smith	Rochester
April 25	Daniel Anthony Eldridge	Anthony Carl Eldridge Amy Lynn Langis	Laconia
April 28	Molly Elizabeth Labelle	Donald Robert Labelle Marie Elizabeth Arcano	Dover
June 17	Staci Jean Hempel	Douglas Walter Hempel Janice Marie Smeriglio	Dover
July 20	William Mark Sevigny	William Eugene Sevigny Nora Bertha Sevigny	Rochester
August 15	Jacob Scott Durand	James Roland Durand, Jr. Lisa Dawn Patat	Rochester
August 22	Amanda Lynn Viscariello	Michael Ralph Viscariello Deanne Marie Viscariello	Rochester

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Recorded in the Town of New Durham for the Year Ending December 31, 1997

Date	Child's Name	Father's Name Mother's Maiden Name	Place of Birth
September 20	Krystal Marion Crowley	Frank Warren Crowley Christine Marie Joy	Rochester
October 21	Victoria Nicole Baxter	Charles Edwin Baxter, III Pamela Ann Wentworth	Rochester
November 12	Angela Lea Nicastro	John James Nicastro, III Judith Ann Wengrzynek	Dover
November 14	Kaytie Lynn DeMaio	James Michael DeMaio Rebekah May Lidback	Rochester
November 23	Thomas Clancy Mason	Thomas James Mason Ellen Odacier Hardy	Rochester

Deaths Recorded in the Town of New Durham for the Year Ending December 31, 1997

Date	Name	Parent's Names	Place of Death
January 7	Edgar Norman Adams	Alvan Adams Emma Forbus	New Durham, NH
January 17	Dortha F. Fesmire	Chester H. Wormington Ida Jones	New Durham, NH
January 30	Rae Pommer Davis	Bruno Pommer Olga Christine Steffensen	Manchester, NH

VITAL STATISTICS

Deaths Recorded in the Town of New Durham for the Year Ending December 31, 1997

Date	Name	Parent's Names	Place of Death
February 8	Russell Everett Patch	Everett L. Patch Marjorie O. Edwards	Rochester, NH
March 5	Barbara Jean Clarke	Gordon T. Whitaker Mae J. Magnuson	Rochester, NH
March 11	Deborah Ellen Newcombe	Hovey Benson Clock Mildred Mabel Fuller	New Durham, NH
March 27	Constance Ida Vigneault	Phillippe Romeo Beaudet Jeannette M. Biron	Rochester, NH
August 22	Kenneth Paul Massey	William H. Massey Barbara Young	Manchester, NH
September 12	Stanley L. Place	Percy Place Freena Lover	New Durham, NH
November 13	Erwin H. Larrabee	Herbert Larrabee Ruth Graves	Rochester, NH
December 12	Charles John Royce	Henry Royce Amanda Goulette	Dover, NH
December 13	Francis Leroy Hancock	Ellison Edward Hancock, Sr. Florence V. Lapanne	Rochester, NH
December 23	Carroll Elwin Cutter	Frank M. Cutter, Sr. Marion R. Nelson	New Durham, NH
December 28	Walter Francis Bouchie	Jeffrey H. Bouchie Laura May Boucher	Dover, NH

VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages Recorded in the Town of New Durham for the Year Ending December 31, 1997

Date	Groom's Name	Residence	Bride's Name	Residence
January 11	George Field Gehman, Jr.	New Durham	Cheryl Lynn Marie Hackett	New Durham
February 14	Michael Gerard Labrecque	New Durham	Jean Alice Laudenbach	New Durham
March 1	Philip Michael Corriveau	New Durham	Denise Dorothy Tower	New Durham
March 13	Paul Roland Aubert	New Durham	Joyce Ethelyn Woodman	New Durham
April 12	Donald Kimbell Jones	New Durham	Jeanne Franciszka Bronisz	New Durham
June 21	Robert Anthony Gibbons	Wolfeboro	Dorothy Edna Ouellette	New Durham
June 28	Ronald Werner Gehl	New Durham	Paula Jane Kneeland	New Durham
July 4	Arthur Allen Bilodeau	New Durham	Janet Collen Schepp	New Durham
July 12	Anthony Michael Bonanno, Jr.	New Durham	Debra Kay Descoteaux	Seabrook
July 17	Joachim Heldens	Hamburg, Germany	Michelle Ann Chiasson	New Durham
July 19	Thomas Dean Harmon	New Durham	Lori Ann LeClair	New Durham
July 26	Noel Robert Nason	New Durham	Melissa Louise Jenness	New Durham
August 30	Brett James Murray	New Durham	Kimberly Susan Pidro	New Durham
August 31	Christopher Joseph Macek	Dedham, MA	Stephanie Shanti Archer	Dedham, MA
September 27	Harold Edward Henry	Providence, RI	Virginia Anne Blandford	Providence, RI
October 4	Roger William Chase	New Durham	Shirley Ann Wentworth	New Durham
October 4	Gary Edward Lytle	New Durham	Regina Lee Cough	New Durham
November 1	William Leroy Robbins, Jr.	Topsham, ME	Cynthia Ann McCarthy	New Durham
November 28	Anthony Clare Kappes	St. Jacob, Canada	Sonja Alice Jackson Arsenault	New Durham

VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages Recorded in the Town of New Durham for the Year Ending December 31, 1997

Date	Groom's Name	Residence	Bride's Name	Residence
December 12	John Timothy Cunniff	New Durham	Sandra Jean Wynn	New Durham
December 31	Stephen James Fantasia	San Antonio, TX	Lisa Helena Kaplan	San Antonio, TX

I hereby certify that the above returns of births, marriages and deaths registered in the Town of New Durham, N.H., for the year ending December 31, 1997 are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Carole M. Ingham
Town Clerk

NEW DURHAM

CID NUMBER:	909
COUNTY:	Strafford
LABOR MARKET AREA:	Conway

DISTANCE TO:	
Manchester, NH	50 miles
Boston, MA	80 miles
New York, NY	305 miles
Montreal, Canada	260 miles

ELEVATION:	200 feet
TEMPERATURE (°F):	
Annual Average	47.4°
January Average	24.2°
July Average	70.4°
PRECIPITATION: *Annual Average*	42.1 in.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population	1996	1990	1980	1970
Community	2,028	1,974	1,180	583
County	109,135	104,233	85,324	70,431

1990 Population by age:

5 and under	192
6 to 17	406
18 to 29	261
30 to 59	868
60 to 69	139
70 and Over	108

INCOME

	(1990)
Per Capita Income:	12,919
Median Household Income:	34,857
Average Weekly Wage:	171

LABOR FORCE

		(1990)
Total Number of Employers:		15
Total Workers Employed:		973
Labor Force Participation Rate:	*Male:*	80.4%
	Female:	66.8%
Labor Force Education Levels:		
High School and Higher Graduates		80.6%
Bachelor's Degree and Higher		15.2%

EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP

	(1990)
Executive/Administrative/Managerial:	106
Professional Specialty:	115
Technician/Related Support:	36
Sales Workers:	92
Administrative Support/Clerical:	99
Private Household:	2
Protective Service:	12
Services, Other:	79
Farming/Forestry/Fishing:	27
Precision Production/Craft/Repair:	169
Machine Operators/Assemblers:	142
Transportation/Material Moving:	54
Handlers/Helpers/Laborers:	40

COMMUTING PATTERNS

	(1990)
Mean Travel Time To Work (minutes):	29.49
Percent of Residents Working In Community:	17.6 %
Percent of Residents Commuting Elsewhere:	82.4 %
Percent of Nonresidents Commuting In:	26.5%

LARGEST EMPLOYERS

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTAB.
Zero Emissions Technology	Computer boards		1979
Foxy Johnnie	Restaurant	40	
Mama Rina's	Restaurant	30	
State of New Hampshire	Fish hatchery	12	
Town of New Durham	Municipal Government	25	
New Durham School	Elementary School	19	

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Town Hall Hours:	M-F 9-4; Sat. 9-12
Type Of Government:	Selectmen
Fiscal Year:	97
Budget (Annual):	1,695,421
Expenditure/Capita:	838.90
Planning Board:	Appointed
Industrial Plans Reviewed By:	Reg. Planning Comm.
Zoning:	1971/95
Master Plan:	1983
Capital Improvement Plan:	1993
Full-Time Police Department:	Yes
Full-Time Fire Department:	No
Town Fire Insurance Rating:	9/9

TAXES

		(1997)
Local Property Tax Rate (per thousand):		$29.25
Assessment Ratio:		0.96
Full-Value Property Tax (per thousand):		$28.08
1997 Valuation:	*Residential:*	95.74%
	Commercial:	2.39%
	Other:	1.87%

HOUSING

	(1995)
Single-Family Units:	1138
Number of Building Permits:	9
Multi-Family Units:	19
Number of Building Permits:	0
Mobile Homes:	133
Median Gross Rent:	509
Median Housing Costs:	117,600

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier: PSNH/NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier: None

Water *Supplier:* Private wells
Source:
Average Usage (1000 gal/day):
Excess Capacity (1000 gal/day):

Sanitation *Sewer:* Private sewage
Coverage:

Municipal Treatment Plant
Treatment Plant Type:
Capacity (million gal/day):
Load (percent of capacity):

Telephone Company: Bell Atlantic/Union Tel.
Telephone Switching: Digital
Cellular Phone Access: Yes
Cable Television: Yes

TRANSPORTATION/ACCESS

Road Access: *Federal Routes:*
State Routes: 11
Nearest Interstate: Spaulding, Exit 15
Distance: 14 miles
Railroad: None
Public Transportation:
Nearest Airport: Wolfeboro
Runway: 2030 feet
Lighted: Yes
Navigational Aids: No
Nearest Commercial Airport: Laconia
Distance: 24 miles

MEDICAL & HEALTH

Nearest Hospital:
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester
Distance: 15 miles *Beds:* 101
Total Number of Doctors Working in Town: 2

EDUCATIONAL/CHILDCARE FACILITIES

	Schools	Grades	Enrollment	Vocational Education
Elementary	1	K-6	218	
Middle/Junior High				
High School				
Private/Parochial	1	P-7	10	

If No Schools, District Students Attend: Governor Wentworth School District, Wolfeboro *Distance:* 17 miles

Nearest Technical College: Laconia Comm/Tech College
Nearest College/University: UNH/McIntosh
Number of Daycare Facilities: 3 Total Capacity: 64

COMMUNITY SERVICES & RECREATION

Protestant Churches: 1
Catholic Churches:
Synagogues:
Other:

Hotels/Motels:
Bed/Breakfast Establishments:
Total Overnight Rooms:

Shopping Centers/Malls:
Cinemas:
Live Theater:
Museums:
Other:

Library: New Durham Public

Municipal Parks: 1
YMCA/YWCA:
Indoor/Outdoor Swimming: 1
Indoor Skating Rinks:
Tennis Courts:
Golf Courses: 1
Bowling Centers:
Nearest Ski Areas:
Gunstock
Other Recreation:
Fish & Game Club

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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William G. Herman, Town Administrator
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New Durham, NH 03855

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E M E R G E N C Y

DIAL: 9·1·1

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Be sure to give your name and address clearly, as well as the nature of your emergency. **DO NOT HANG UP** until you are sure that your message has been understood.

INFORMATION DIRECTORY

FOR ANSWERS ON:	CALL THE:	
Administration	Town Administrator	859-2091
Assessments	Land Use Clerk	859-7171
Births & Deaths	Town Clerk	859-2091
Building Permits	Building Inspector	859-7171
Burning Permits	Forest Fire Warden	859-2101
Occupancy Permit	Building Inspector	859-7171
Dogs - Licenses	Town Clerk	859-2091
Dogs - At Large	Police Dispatch	859-2751
Elections, Voter Registration	Town Clerk	859-2091
Health Complaints & Inspections	Health Officer	859-7150
Library	Library Resource Center	859-2201
Motor Vehicle Registration	Town Clerk	859-2091
Planning Board	Land Use Clerk	859-7171
Police (Routine)	Police Department	859-2752
Recreation	Recreation Director	859-2061
Refuse - Transfer Station	Solid Waste Manager	859-8000
Road Maintenance	Road Agent	859-8000
School Registration	Elementary School	859-2061
Taxes	Tax Collector	859-0208
Welfare - Public Assistance	Overseer of Public Welfare	859-0204
Zoning & Land Use Regulations	Land Use Clerk	859-7171

New Durham Food Pantry	859-0204
Rural Visiting Nurse Association	1-755-2202
Strafford County Community Action Committee (CAP)	1-749-1334